













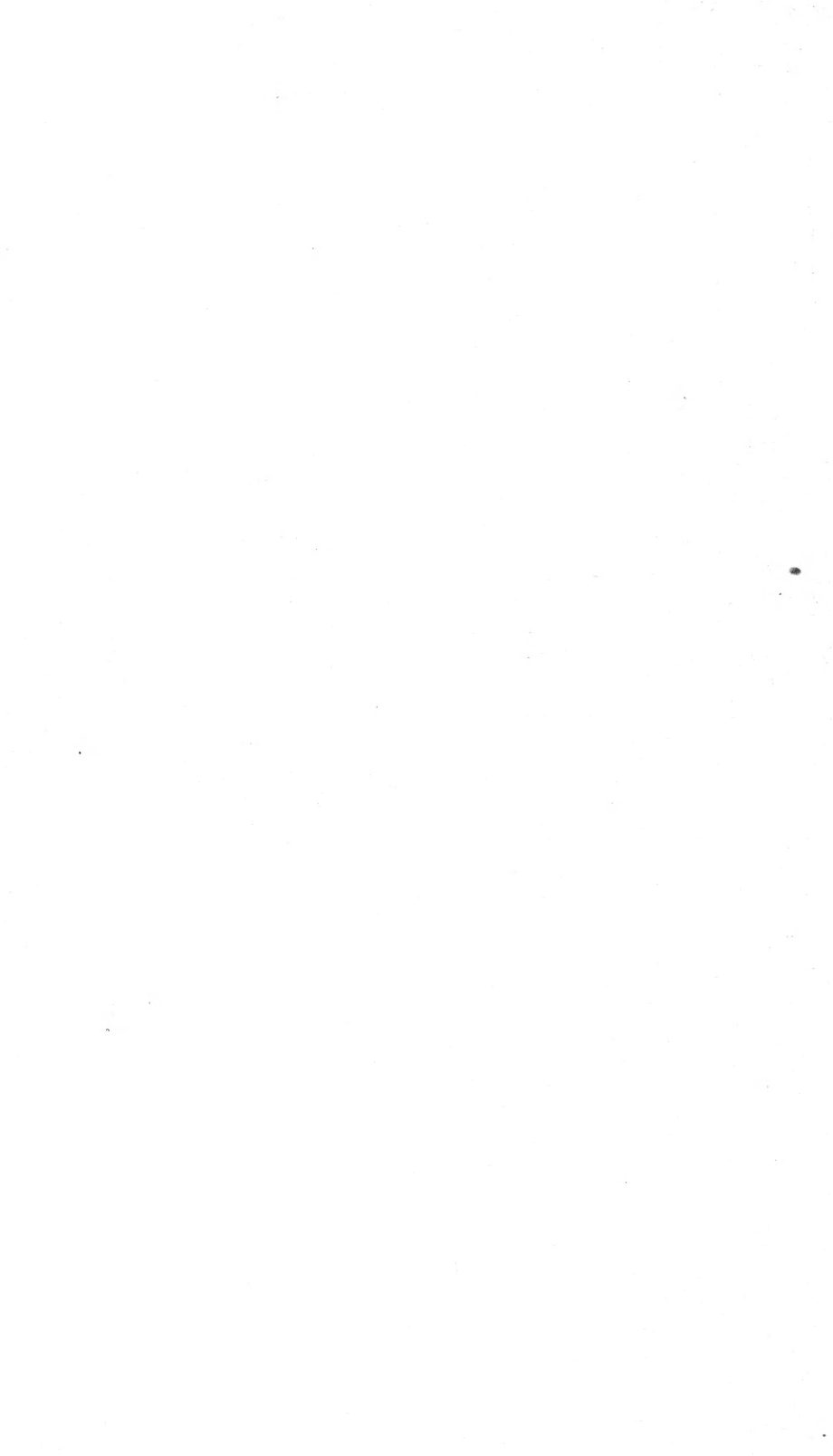


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The Trustees have the honor to present to the City Council their Thirty-third Annual Report, the seventh made under their Act of Incorporation, and embracing the details of the condition and administration of the Library for the year ending on the 30th of April last.

The document also contains the reports of the "Examining Committee from citizens at large," and of the Librarian with its important Appendixes, necessary to a full understanding of the workings of the institution, including the central and branch libraries.

The Examining Committee for the present year consists of the following ten members, viz.: Thomas Cushing, Esq., Rev. George A. Gordon, D.D., John T. Hassam, Esq., Mrs. Charles D. Homans, Edward J. Lowell, Esq., George H. Lyman, M.D., Charles J. Morrill, Esq., Henry Parkman, Esq., Prof. Thomas S. Perry, and Col. Henry Stone. As required by the ordinance a member of the Board of Trustees, George B. Chase, Esq., was added as chairman. His term of office having expired on the 30th April, Prof. Henry W. Haynes succeeded to the position, and served until the committee had finished their work. All the members were new to the service except Prof. Perry, who, for a third year, continued his valuable investigations of the condition and wants of the *belles-lettres* collections in various languages in Bates Hall.

Their report is a sensible and thoughtful document, and will be read with interest by all friends of the institution.

Of their practical suggestions but few require any comment on the part of the Trustees.

The Art-room was originally set aside for the ladies' reading-room, and devoted to that purpose. But after the various additions made to the art collection, so many visitors were attracted by it that it was found expedient to limit its occupation for women alone to the hours after 6 P.M. — the time when ill-disposed persons might possibly intrude. It is not understood that any complaint has been made to those in charge of the room of any incivility to ladies or young women by daylight.

With regard to the character of the "fiction and juveniles," purchased of late years for the Lower Hall and Branches, it should be stated that an examination of each volume has been made by a competent person before purchase, and those of questionable usefulness rejected. The new catalogue of this class of books, now passing through the press, has been subjected to critical examination for the purpose of excluding any and all volumes whose tendencies were doubtful or injurious.

The public demand for this class of reading increases year by year, and one is not surprised to find that of the books published in the United States, as tabulated by the "Publishers' Weekly," — out of a total of 3,459 books issued in 1883, 1,001, or a fraction over 25 per cent., were fiction and juveniles, — which, in a total of 4,088 in 1884, had increased to 1,301, or a fraction over 31 per cent.

The construction of a second card catalogue for the Lower Hall is, at the present time, beyond the financial ability of the institution, and the question of its form and expediency, as suggested by the committee, will probably arise under the new conditions of a separation of the Bates and Lower Hall libraries, after the completion of the new library edifice.

In regard to the suggestions of the committee relative to securing the services of experts in the purchase of books for the great reference library, it must be remembered that the collection was practically formed on that basis. At first, lists of books were furnished by specialists in those departments which were not within the knowledge of the accomplished members of the Board and of Prof. Jewett who had the purchase orders in hand. This made the strength of the Library at its outset. Since then, from time to time, assistance has been sought, and lists furnished in the subjects on which the collection did not appear sufficiently full. To-day, the books asked for in science, literature, and art, exceed our means of

purchase, and there are now on hand over 2,500 slips sent in by scholars and readers, requesting the acquisition by the Library of works desired and not yet ordered in these classes, the majority of applications being for books recently published in Great Britain and on the continent of Europe.

## THE LIBRARY AND ITS WORK FOR THE YEAR.

### *General Statement.*

The present extent of the Library collections, and their public use for the last year, are herewith presented.

The aggregate number of volumes, exclusive of the duplicate rooms, embraced in the Bates Hall collection, is 289,927; in the Lower Hall, 40,564; in the branches, 123,476; — making a total of 453,967, a net increase for the year of 15,353. This gives an average percentage of gain in all departments of a little over three and one-third per cent.

The whole number of days on which the libraries were open was 303½.

The total use of books for the year was 1,027,393, a decrease of 29,513, or nearly three per cent. from the previous year. They were delivered from the the various libraries according to the comparative table below : —

Name of Library.	No. of Vols. April 30, 1884.	In use, 1883-4.	No. of Vols. April 30, 1885.	In use, 1884-5.
Lower Hall . . . . .	39,519	203,992	40,544	183,594
East Boston . . . . .	11,549	95,442	11,846	84,457
South Boston . . . . .	11,407	124,220	11,805	128,666
Roxbury . . . . .	23,078	111,357	23,593	106,180
Charlestown . . . . .	24,633	76,966	25,405	71,541
Brighton . . . . .	13,354	26,141	13,436	24,892
Dorchester . . . . .	12,469	72,173	12,925	73,502
South End . . . . .	10,042	98,801	10,001	90,857
Jamaica Plain . . . . .	9,416	51,271	9,861	51,192
West Roxbury . . . . .	3,218		3,229	
North End . . . . .	664	11,630	1,075	9,748
	159,349	871,993	164,020	824,629
Bates Hall . . . . .	260,602	184,913	270,817	202,764
	419,951	1,056,906	434,837	1,027,393

It will be seen from the above table that, in the past year, the three popular libraries in the city proper, containing in the aggregate 51,620 volumes, had 284,199 issues, and the seven district branches, comprising 112,400 volumes, distributed 540,430. Although the circulation of these adjuncts to the central institution diminished everywhere except in South Boston and Dorchester, the percentage of circulation to the number of volumes in the outlying districts will probably increase in the future.

The number of books recorded as missing is as follows : —

From Bates Hall, 15 volumes ; from the Lower Hall, 25 ; Roxbury, 11 ; Charlestown, 5 ; Dorchester, and the South End, 2 each ; and from East Boston, 1 ; — making a total of 52 volumes missing, or 1 to every 16,571 loaned.

The delivery of periodicals at the Central Library and Branches is recorded as 551,294, as against 541,738 for the previous year. Of these, 377,187 found use in the Boylston-street Reading-room.

#### THE BATES HALL LIBRARY.

With the increase of this great store of books of permanent value its uses are proportionably developed. During the library year of 1883-4 there were in this library, contained in the upper hall and the newspaper room, 264,260 volumes, which were consulted or borrowed by 184,913 readers and students. In the year just ended these two collections had increased to 274,733 volumes in use by 202,764 visitors.

By the conditions of this great working collection of books free access is given to all comers to make use in the building of such works as are desired for consultation or study. To the citizens of Boston is reserved the right of borrowing such books as are permitted to circulate.

This last sentence suggests a condition not readily understood by the public. Complaint is occasionally made that in a free library all books should be free, and therefore to be taken away from the safe-keeping of the institution. But there are five special libraries, now the property of the city, which were given or acquired upon the condition that the books should not circulate. No possible accident beyond the walls of the Library must happen to any one of the many thousand volumes which were received and accepted upon these conditions. Beside these collections there is a large number of books, which, if lost, could not be replaced in years, and probably never. The first condition of a great reference library is the absolute safety of its contents ; and no book may be loaned outside of the building, the loss of which can-

not be made good by the borrower, not in a money value, but in another copy of the same edition of the lost volume.

But, for general library purposes, the number of books which can be loaned and replaced in case of accident is at present larger than the immediate needs of borrowers require. It is premature to discuss what the demand on the resources of the institution may be when suitable accommodation is provided in the proposed new building for students and readers.

Books are written and printed for public use. The best works of to-day are simply stepping-stones to something better and wiser in the future. To keep pace with the progress of human knowledge in all departments of science, art, and literature is the appropriate work for a great library; but this is obviously impracticable unless sufficient means of purchase are within its reach.

With the present position and uses of this beneficent institution the city has a reasonable cause for pride. The result of public support and private munificence, it has risen in the few years of its existence, as compared with similar European libraries, to a position of strength and working power which these larger collections have not attained.

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## THE POPULAR LIBRARIES.

### THE LOWER HALL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES.

#### CITY PROPER.

The Lower Hall Library was opened in the Mason-street building in May, 1854, with 16,221 volumes, and closed on the 30th of June, 1858, for the purpose of removal to the new library edifice on Boylston street. It now contains 40,544 volumes. During these thirty-one years it has issued in loans nearly 6,500,000 volumes. The largest annual service was in the year 1877, when it comprised 35,478 books, of which 38 per cent. were fiction, with an issue of 405,732, of which 283,964, or 71 per cent., were fiction and juveniles. The year just passed it contained 40,544 volumes, of which 14,552 volumes, forming  $35\frac{7}{8}$  per cent. of the collection, and furnishing a distribution of 107,162 books, a small fraction more than 61 per cent., were fiction and juveniles, in a total circulation of 175,298.

This large decrease in the circulation of the Lower Hall is mainly due to the establishment of the South End Branch, which mostly supplies residents in that populous

quarter of the town previously dependent upon the Lower Hall lending library. A further reference to this matter will be made in the account given in this report of that branch.

#### THE SOUTH END BRANCH.

This Library, formed substantially from books selected from the collection of the Mercantile Library Association, which had been generously presented by this organization to the City of Boston, was opened to the public in the basement story of their building in the year 1877-8, with 8,804 volumes, which obtained a circulation for that period of 42,402. The arrangements being insufficient for the proper shelving of the books, and for public convenience, the collection was removed in the summer of 1881 to larger accommodations in the basement of the Latin and High-school building on the Montgomery-street front, and about three-quarters of a mile distant from the Boylston-street Libraries. From its easy access for the southern wards, and for the portions of the Back Bay territory below Dartmouth street, it has become one of the most active and economically administered of all the branches. It now contains 10,042 books. During the eight years of its existence it has distributed to readers 627,166 volumes.

Since the formation of this Library its nearness to a large class of readers previously dependent upon the Lower Hall collection has seriously affected the loans from the parent institution. With the changes possibly consequent upon the construction of the new building, it may be found convenient to the public, and less expensive to the city, to unite the two libraries under one roof.

#### THE NORTH END BRANCH

was opened in 1883-4, with 664 volumes, from a special appropriation for the purpose by the city government. It is not a free lending library, its books having been selected with special reference to the wants of the neighborhood, which embraces a population to which the quiet and comfort of the rooms provided for their reception affords often greater attraction than their home surroundings. In its first year it had 10,630 readers. Last year the collection was extended to 1,075 volumes, but the loans diminished to 9,748.

The three popular libraries supplying the city proper, containing in the aggregate 51,620 volumes, distributed

284,199 in loans, to a population numbering by the last census 140,142.

### THE EAST BOSTON BRANCH.

This Library, dedicated by appropriate ceremonies on the 22d of March, 1871, was the first of the branches. It was based upon two collections previously existent, — one begun by the East Boston Library Association in 1852, — which was merged with the Sumner Library Association in 1860. To these were added by the Trustees of the Public Library such variety of reading as would apparently meet the expectations of general visitors. When opened it contained 5,936 volumes, which obtained in the first year a circulation of 26,130. On the 30th of April last it embraced 11,846 volumes, which had been issued to 84,457 readers.

During the fifteen years of its existence it has loaned 1,381,849 books.

By the last census the population dependent on this Library was 29,926.

### THE SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH.

This most active of the branches, based upon the well-selected library of 1,670 volumes of the Mattapan Literary Association, and presented by it to the City of Boston, was opened in 1872 with a collection of 4,365 books, which found the large number of 96,797 borrowers. For the past year, with 13,287 volumes, its issues were 128,666.

During the thirteen years of its work its loans amount to 1,618,828 volumes.

In 1880 South Boston was the most populous district of the city, numbering 56,370 inhabitants.

### THE CHARLESTOWN BRANCH.

This Branch was added in the library year 1873-4, upon the annexation of the city of Charlestown to the corporation of Boston. At that time there was added to the Public Library, and subject to its conditions of circulation, a collection previously opened in the annexed city in the year 1862, all the volumes of which were within the reach of borrowers, and including within its scope many books of permanent value. To the foundation have since been added, in 1877, the income of \$10,000 invested in the 6 per cent. 20-year bonds of the City of Boston, from the will of Charlotte Harris, to be used for the purchase of books for this Branch, pub-

lished previous to the year 1850 ; and in 1884 a further sum of \$1,000 from the will of Thomas B. Harris, invested in the City of Boston 30-year bonds, at 4 per cent. interest, to be used for the purchase of books for the benefit of the Charlestown Branch. These funds constitute the only considerable endowment of a Branch, and are an example of great importance to the growing population of each of the districts of this rapidly increasing city in the neighborhoods where free libraries are already established, and which, from any reasonable outlook, are already self-limited in popular reading, as shown by the statistics.

In the first year of annexation this Library embraced 15,788 volumes, with a circulation of 33,391 volumes. For the last year, with a collection of 25,405 volumes its circulation rose to 71,541. During the twelve years since the annexation to Boston it has issued 974,377 books.

The population dependent on this Library numbered by the last census 33,734. From the permanent funds added to the city's appropriation for its support, there can only be purchased books of permanent value, and of these the larger portion must have been printed previous to the year 1850. This requisition presents great difficulty to the Trustees. The works of this class are within reach by catalogue of all the inhabitants of Boston entitled to borrow books from the Public Library ; but so far as the residents of Charlestown are concerned the boon has not been fully recognized, and from no fault of theirs. With the natural tastes of the day, preference in reading is given to the books more recently published, and the results are in some degree parallel, though not so favorable, to what would happen were the circulation of the Bates and Lower Halls combined in one table of statistics.

In comparing the classified collections in the Library with the percentage of circulations it is found that in the past year the Charlestown works of fiction comprised 15.7 per cent., and the juveniles 5 per cent. of the whole Library, and furnished in fiction 52.5 per cent. of the reading ; and in juveniles 21.2 per cent. A detailed account shows that 20.7 per cent. of the books furnished 73.7 per cent. of the loan, and nearly four-fifths of the collection only 26.3 per cent.

#### THE ROXBURY BRANCH AND FELLOWES ATHENÆUM.

This combination of a popular Library established by the city, and of a collection of books of permanent value, the property of the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum, all of which are within reach of borrowers, was opened in 1873-4 with an aggregate collection of 6,088 volumes and a circula-



tion of 67,342 books. In 1884-5 the number of books in both collections was 23,078, and their joint issues were 106,180. A similar, though a better, result is found here than that noticed in Charlestown; for 23 per cent. of fiction and juveniles furnishes 67 per cent. of the total reading.

The population of Roxbury in 1880 was 52,076, ranking next in numbers to South Boston, but spread over a larger territory.

At the inception of the Library a contract was made between the City of Boston and the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum, defining the conditions of the management of the joint collection of books. Among these conditions was one which has not proved equitable to the Trustees of the Public Library. It was provided that the "city shall appropriate towards a Branch Public Library, for the territory now comprising Wards 13, 14, and 15, as large a sum of money as has been, or shall be, appropriated for outfit and maintenance to any other Branch Library in the said city; and the said city shall pay for the rental of said building the sum of \$1,600 per annum." By a further provision of the contract it was arranged that it "shall be terminable by either party at any time upon giving six months' notice to the other party, and upon its termination the books shall belong to the party which shall have purchased them, or to whom they have been given. The furniture, shelving, and all other movable property which shall have been purchased by the city shall belong to the said city."

Under those conditions a notice has been given to the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum by the Trustees of the Public Library of a termination of the present subsisting relations. This has arisen from two principal causes; the first arising from the necessary expenses of administration, which have been larger than those of the branch having the widest circulation, and the other from the fact that the position of the Library is not convenient for a large section of the inhabitants desiring to make use of its collections of books and periodicals.

If it be found to be just to the city to make a new contract, or a revision of the one now existing, it will be necessary to arrange for one or more delivery-stations, on the system which has been found satisfactory in Dorchester.

#### THE BRIGHTON BRANCH.

This Library is the oldest of the organizations now included among the Branches. Its origin dates back to 1824, when the Brighton Social Library was formed, which in 1858

was merged into the Brighton Library Association, which again in 1864 added its joint store to the Holton Library, due to the munificence of Mr. James Holton, and maintained by the town as a Public Library. On the completion of the costly Library building, after annexation to the City of Boston, the Library was opened in October, 1874, with a collection of 11,037 books, of which a portion were works of permanent value. During the remainder of the Library year it loaned 9,642 volumes. For the past year, with a collection of 13,354 books, its issues were 26,141. During the twelve years of city ownership it has distributed 307,147 volumes. The population of this district, by the last census, was 6,693, and, from the limited number of readers, the expenses of distribution per volume have been larger than in any other Branch.

#### THE DORCHESTER BRANCH.

This well-appreciated Branch was established in the Library year 1874-5. As adjuncts to its circulation, three delivery-stations have since been arranged; the first at Lower Mills, in 1875-6; the second at Mattapan, in 1881-2; and a third at Neponset, in 1882-3.

This Library was opened in January, 1875, after appropriate ceremonies in the Rev. Dr. Hall's Meeting-house in the neighborhood. It contained at the outset 3,959 volumes, and for the remainder of the year had a circulation of 16,017. During the past year, with its three delivery-stations, its loans amounted to 73,502. For the eleven years of its existence it has issued 658,281 volumes. The population to which it ministers numbered, in 1880, 16,871.

#### THE JAMAICA PLAIN BRANCH.

This Library was dedicated in December, 1877, and at once opened for public use. Two delivery-stations were afterwards added — one in 1878-9, at Roslindale, since discontinued; the other at West Roxbury, 1879-80, with a circulating library of its own, previously incorporated, and from which books can be borrowed for Jamaica Plain upon the delivery system. On the establishment of the Branch, it contained under the oversight of the Librarian, Mr. Winsor, the most complete selected collection of books, both standard and new, that had entered into the formation of any of the district libraries. It began its work with 6,620 volumes, from which 30,280 were issued during the remainder of the year.

It now embraces, including the West Roxbury station,

12,634, which were loaned to 51,192 borrowers during the year.

The population of the precinct was 26,723, in 1880.

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The total expenses of the popular libraries, exclusive of the Lower Hall, amounted to \$38,074.61, with an aggregate circulation of 668,001 volumes.

Every neighborhood in this city embraces a population of active minds working for certain practical results, and whose tastes in reading are directed toward additions to knowledge, the topics of general interest of the times, and to books generally known to be in large demand. With the younger generation of both sexes, to whom books have been their closest friends from their school-days, and whose time is not yet fully employed in the active duties of life, these libraries find their largest and most assiduous patrons.

It is obvious that a general collection of volumes finds readers not in proportion to its size, but in proportion to the works which its constituency desire to read.

#### THE NEW LIBRARY BUILDING.

In the last report of the Trustees some account was given of the progress made toward the accomplishment of this long-desired haven of safety for the treasures of the Bates Hall Library.

The period of time for the receipt of the competitive designs had been extended to the 1st of August, 1884, at which date there had been received twenty sets of plans, under the specifications issued by the joint committee whose powers and duties had expired with the city government of that year, and had not been renewed.

By the specifications no provision had been made for the payment of the premiums offered after the joint committee lapsed. The loan for the erection of the building could not be issued except upon the approval of the plans by the Trustees, and upon them necessarily fell the duty of such study and examination of the merits of the competing designs as should be at the service of whatever body might be entrusted with the distribution of the money award, whether it were themselves or some other body constituted by the city government. It therefore became their first duty to obtain an individual judgment from each member of the Board, independent of every other member. On the 1st of August it was ordered that "a notice should be sent to each of the Trustees,

requesting him to examine the plans for the new Library building, so as to be prepared, at some time agreed upon, for the discussion of their various merits."

While this examination was going forward, and had been prolonged by the absence from the city of members of the Board, a question had arisen of the proper interpretation of the conditions issued by the joint committee in the document of specifications, and the Corporation Counsel was consulted, on the last of October, as to the limit of their duties. On the 31st of October, he addressed a letter to the President of the Board of Trustees, stating that he had been unable to find that the Board had any authority to make awards.

Various efforts were made by the City Council to settle this embarrassment, which remained an open question until the 1st January, 1885, with the termination of the government of 1884, and it was then ordered that "the Trustees of the Public Library, together with the City Architect, be authorized to award the prizes for the new Library building."

Under further legal instruction, of 7th January, 1885, from the Corporation Counsel, all plans with a front entrance were ruled out.

After the Trustees had finished their examination of the plans, Mr. Vinal, the City Architect, the other member of the commission, made an independent examination of his own without knowledge of the conclusions of the Trustees, and selected the same plans for award as they had agreed upon, except in the order of merit of the third and fourth prizes. This point was settled, after discussion, at the meeting of the joint committee on the 13th January. "It was then unanimously voted that in transmitting the award to the City Council, the chairman of the commission accompany it by a statement that, in the opinion of the commission, no one of the plans is suitable to build upon."

The four successful plans became the property of the city, but neither was available as a whole. They were each the result of faithful work upon a great and novel problem, and all were productions of merit. Other plans with a single front entrance, and ruled out, showed also much ability and study. With the erection of an edifice to meet such possibilities of the future as present foresight might dimly outline, with the assurance of a large growth from the income of the trust funds already paid into the city treasury, with other considerable legacies known to be devoted to the same purpose by the wills of benefactors, and with further donations naturally to be presented to it by present and future friends of the institution, the building must necessarily be constructed, first, with reference to the absolute safety

of its contents, and with a sufficient capacity of book storage, compact, evenly heated, thoroughly ventilated, and sufficiently lighted by day, and with large arrangements for students and visitors. With these details must be included, in the general scheme, a catalogue-room convenient of access and use, apartments for the administrative force of officials immediately connected with the work, suitable rooms for the special libraries, easier and quicker access to the great collections of parliamentary and official documents and of patent specifications, whether American, British, French, or German, and beyond these a particular forethought must be had for special continuous students, and for other means of making the great collection of books useful to those for whose benefit they had been gathered, and their contents laid open by a great encyclopædic catalogue containing nearly a million title references.

One or more schemes were proposed after the report of the Library Commission for the construction of the new Library building. That which found favor on the part of the city government was approved by the mayor on the 31st of March, when it was ordered "That the City Architect be directed to prepare plans for a Library building to be erected on the lot on Dartmouth street held by the city for that purpose, and to submit the same to the Trustees of the Public Library for their approval."

This is the present condition and outlook for this highly important edifice. The regular important constructive duties of the City Architect have engrossed so much of his valuable time, that, so far as the Trustees are informed, it is from no want of zeal or interest on his part, that no formal communication has yet been made to them of his inceptive steps in the great problem submitted for his solution. Possession of the land was taken by the city authorities before the expiration of the limit of the time of entrance under the generous gift of the Commonwealth lands by the Legislature. To remove any question of possessive rights the period of occupation was extended to two years, by the State authorities, expiring in April, 1886.

Two conditions for the building are then to be met: first, the production of a set of plans, with a model to scale, which shall be satisfactory to the Board of Trustees; and, secondly, the construction of an edifice, which shall cost no more than the loan authorized by the vote of the city government. In the present condition of the finances of the city, and with its limitation of loan, it becomes a question of vital consideration whether a building, even at this cost, will be within its power of construction. Under any event it

would seem that, whatever may be desired, it must be framed to be within reasonably defined economical estimates.

The Trustees acknowledge with gratitude another donation of the sum of \$500 from the hand of J. Ingersoll Bowditch, Esq., whose continued generosity to the Library has added so largely to the value of the Bowditch mathematical collection, now among the most important in the United States.

The outlook in usefulness for this institution is less favorable than might be wished. The appropriation by the city government for its support was cut down \$10,000, in the reduction of expenses, to meet the legal limit of taxation. The Trustees cannot spend more money than they are authorized to spend, and they must meet the exigencies of the case with the smallest practical interference with the convenience of the public. The expenses are now reduced within the average sum which they are authorized to disburse without, as yet, any expressed complaints, but the acquisition of new books will be sensibly affected.

Other details of the Library condition for the year will be found in the Librarian's report.

Through the enlightened support of the city government, and by the continued aid and strong arms of its friends, the Boston Public Library has attained a position of respect throughout the civilized world which should be sustained by every intelligent and patriotic citizen.

(Signed),

WM. W. GREENOUGH,  
JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE,  
EDWARD J. JENKINS,  
CHAS. V. WHITTEN,  
HENRY W. HAYNES.

Messrs. S. A. B. Abbott and George B. Chase, the other Trustees, are absent from the State.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, June 25, 1885.

## REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Boston Public Library is divided, for many purposes, into two main divisions, which may best be considered separately. These divisions are called "Bates Hall," and "the Lower Hall and Branches." Bates Hall is that library which is especially intended for advanced students in various departments, or for persons making researches of a learned nature. The Lower Hall and Branches are intended for persons who seek in the Library only a means of relaxation, or of the prosecution of comparatively simple studies. Both these divisions are important to the community, and must be kept in an efficient condition, if Boston is to maintain its place as a centre of learning and of education. The two divisions of the Library correspond, to some extent, with the divisions in education, — the Lower Hall and Branches being the counterpart of the primary, grammar, and high schools; Bates Hall, of the technical schools and colleges.

## BATES HALL

contains 269,596 volumes. It is thus in itself the second library in the country in size; and it is probably equal to any in the quality of the books which it contains.

The circulation of the books in Bates Hall has increased from year to year. It can never be large in proportion to the number of volumes in this division of the Public Library, nor to the amount of money expended. The benefit reaped from it by the community cannot, however, be reckoned by any method of statistics. It is by means of such collections as this that some of the greatest benefactors of the public are enabled to prosecute their researches and to do their work. It is in this division that the higher education of some of the most useful of our citizens is conducted. It is expedient, moreover, to attract to good reading many persons whose leisure might be less profitably employed.

## THE LOWER HALL

contains 40,576 volumes. These are of a popular character, comprising history, biography, travels, and science, with a great deal of fiction; but, if the supply of fiction is great, the demand is greater. The books in the Lower Hall circulate much more rapidly than those in Bates Hall. The

average circulation of Lower-Hall books, during the last library year, was  $4\frac{32}{100}$  times per volume. Of English prose fiction for children and grown people, there are 14,552 volumes. The circulation of these books was 107,142, making the average circulation per volume  $7\frac{36}{100}$  times. Nor do these figures tell the whole story, for several thousand volumes of fiction are practically unread, but are counted in the number of the volumes above given, thus bringing down the average of circulation.

Some books are in such demand that a copy is never long on the shelves, and that a reader is exceptionally fortunate if he do not have to apply several times before obtaining one. These books, for which the demand is great, are of two kinds, viz., books of permanent value, and books of temporary interest. In each of these classes are some books of fiction and some works of a more serious nature. In respect to books of permanent value, it would seem advisable to have copies enough nearly to supply the demand. As to books of temporary interest, the case is different. The last new novel, eagerly asked for to-day, will be little read next year. It would be unwise to spend the funds of the Library on duplicates, which, after a short time of popularity, will only encumber the shelves.

It will be found that the character of the books called for in the Lower Hall improves from year to year. This is due to the diminution of the supply of the most valueless kinds of fiction, and also, in no small degree, to the intelligent efforts of the librarian of the Lower Hall and his assistant. The labors of these very useful officers have been particularly successful in improving the reading of children and young persons.

We would recommend that the Ladies' Reading-Room be reserved for ladies at all times of the day, and not only after six o'clock in the evening, as at present. The room is sometimes used as a lounging-place by ill-mannered persons, who annoy the ladies coming there to read.

There are eight

#### BRANCH LIBRARIES

in various parts of the city. Each of them contains a collection of books which may be taken out, and a reading-room, with periodicals. At every Branch, books which have no place on its own shelves may be ordered from Bates Hall or the Lower Hall without expense to the reader. There are also two delivery stations, having neither books nor reading-rooms of their own, where books may be ordered



from the Central Library, and three establishments of intermediate character, one of them being the valuable reading-room and delivery station at the North End.

Several of the Branches embody libraries already existing at the time when the towns which contained them were annexed to Boston, or have received valuable contributions from persons living near them. The buildings occupied by such Branches are fully adequate to their needs. Some of the Branches, however, are supported entirely by the city, and a few of these do not appear to have convenient reading-rooms. Such are the Branches at the South End, at East Boston, and at Dorchester. With the reduced appropriation of this year it is not to be expected that the Trustees, unaided, can provide more comfortable rooms; but perhaps the inhabitants of the parts of the city more immediately concerned might be induced to coöperate with the Trustees in procuring better quarters. At the same time, we think it would be unwise for the Trustees to enter into any engagement which would bind them permanently as to the exact position of any Branch. They should remain free to make such changes from time to time as altered conditions may render advisable.

More frequent visits to the Branches on the part of the Trustees, or of one of the higher officers of the Library, would probably be attended with good results.

### BOOKS.

The question constantly recurs in the management of the Library: What books should be procured for the public? It seems to the Committee that a few simple principles can be laid down on this subject.

The purchases for *Bates Hall* should include all works of any permanent interest and value; a limit being placed on such purchases only by the amount of funds at the disposal of the Trustees.

The officers of the Library have had, at various times, the benefit of the advice of several learned men, who have made lists of books which were needed. The Committee would recommend that an effort be made to secure such assistance more systematically in future. It might be possible to find a number of experts who would present from time to time, for the consideration of the Trustees, lists of books, whether new or old, in their especial departments. It would still be the duty of the Trustees to decide ultimately on every book and to keep some proportion among the collections on various subjects. The Committee would also recommend a

careful revision of the lists of periodicals furnished to the reading-rooms of the Central Library and of the Branches.

The selection of books for the *Lower Hall and Branches* presents serious difficulties. The books may properly be divided into two classes : those which are read only by grown people, and those which are read by the young.

As to the first class, we do not see that the Trustees can refuse to provide any book, not absolutely immoral, for which there may be a decided demand. To do so would be to establish an unjustifiable censorship. We think, however, that they may fairly, in their discretion, multiply copies of works which they may consider useful to the public, including the higher classes of fiction, to an extent which shall make them very generally procurable at the desk, and at the same time provide but a small number of duplicates of books which, although equally popular, they may consider valueless ; thus putting them into the hands of fewer readers.

We would recommend a very large extension of the use of this discretion in the case of books for the young. Persons under age have neither a legal nor a moral claim to be free from censorship ; and while we consider it one of the legitimate functions of the Library to provide amusing reading for people of all ages, we hold that it is the duty of the Trustees to see to it that the books which they put into the hands of young people shall be not only harmless but wholesome. Especially is this the case in view of the fact that not only do the rules allow boys and girls from the age of fourteen years to take out books in their own names, but that children under fourteen constantly take out books in the names of their parents or others. We would, therefore, especially commend the revision of the catalogue of " Fiction and Juveniles " now making for the Lower Hall, and the excision from the new catalogue of certain books for the young, which seem to the Trustees objectionable in their tendencies ; and we hope that the books in question, which have already been withdrawn from circulation at the Lower Hall, will soon be removed from all the Branch Libraries.

While stating the principles on which we think that books should be selected, we would say that we believe that they are substantially those now in force, and that the decision in particular cases should be left to the Trustees, with whom the responsibility rests.

Considering the custom, now firmly established, that children shall use the Library, the Committee would ask the Trustees to consider whether it would be desirable and feasible to recognize the natural division among readers officially. Children, even under the age of fourteen years, might then be

given especial cards, distinguished by their color, or otherwise, for whose proper use a parent, or other surety, should be made responsible. On these cards only appropriate books would be given out. Children might then be forbidden to use the cards of adults, except in the case of messengers with specific written orders. This suggestion might imply a greater change than is possible in the crowded building now occupied in Boylston street. Such a change might be effected on the occasion of the contemplated removal of Bates Hall.

### THE BUILDING

now in use is not well adapted to any of the work which is done in it. The alcoves, which contain the books, are overcrowded. The Central Hall has neither the space, the light, nor the quiet, which would be desirable. There are not proper places for the work of the officers of the Library; nor is there any adequate accommodation for scholars who may find it necessary to keep large numbers of books together for several days in succession. Under these circumstances the usefulness of the Library is seriously crippled. All this we hope to see remedied by the erection of the new building on Dartmouth street, for which plans are in preparation, and we believe that when the books of Bates Hall are removed thither they will be used by a much larger number of readers than at present.

### ADMINISTRATION.

The Library has been managed from the first by a Board of unpaid Trustees. The Librarian, employed by this Board, has charge of the administration. These gentlemen have given much valuable work to the City, and have made the Library a model in many respects.

### THE CATALOGUE

for the use of the public in Bates Hall we believe to be excellent.

The catalogue of the Library in the Lower Hall is in charge of a curator, and is not open to public use. The curator is diligent in giving advice and assistance to readers, and the catalogue is probably more useful in this way than it would be in any other. But we would ask the Trustees to consider the practicability of providing a duplicate card catalogue in the Lower Hall, for the use of the public. The confusion of printed catalogues, bulletins, and finding-lists is now very great, and we believe that no means can be found to remedy

it. No catalogue but a card catalogue has yet been invented which can conveniently be kept up to time. That such a catalogue should be worn out by those who use it would be but a proof of its utility. The personal assistance of the officers of the Library is invaluable, but many readers will always prefer to make their own researches.

In this connection we cannot too highly commend the practice, long established, of publishing in the quarterly bulletins, and in the catalogues of the Lower Hall, *bibliographies* of various subjects, and especially of such subjects as may happen at the time to be largely occupying the public mind. Some of these bibliographies are of great value. They are now hidden away in back numbers of bulletins, and in obsolete catalogues. We would suggest that they be revised and published in a volume. Similar bibliographies are published by the authorities of several libraries in New England. If these valuable works could be combined and printed together, whenever a sufficient number of them might appear, a great service would be rendered to scholars. One step in this direction has been taken by the publication of the "Index to Notes About Books," in the Handbook for Readers, of this Library.

The cost of ordering and cataloguing in the Boston Public Library averages  $35\frac{7\frac{5}{10}}{100}$  cents per volume acquired. We have reason to believe that this is much lower than the cost of the same operation in other large libraries.

It constantly happens that books which were once in demand, and of which there are several duplicates in the Library, go out of fashion, and are little called for. Such duplicates might be sold for a small price, or even given away, to advantage. It is probable that some of them might be of use in country libraries, or in places where books are scarce. Here they are only an encumbrance. If a city ordinance be needed, to give the Trustees authority to sell, we would suggest that such an ordinance be asked for.

The Committee have learned, with regret, that the City Council have found it necessary to reduce the appropriation for the Public Library. It appears to the Committee that the reduction that must consequently take place in the expenses of the Library should not be made by reducing the salaries of the persons employed. These persons are already rather underpaid than overpaid. A reduction should rather be made in the number of books bought and in the accommodation furnished, especially at the Branches. If these were kept open during a shorter time every day, some of the extra assistants might be dispensed with. It might be found possible, also, to do without one or more of the Branches. If the

citizens of Boston find it necessary to spend less money on their Library, it is they who should suffer, in the loss of some of the conveniences now enjoyed; and it would, in our opinion, be neither generous nor honest to lay the burthen on those whom they employ.

The Committee take the liberty of submitting two tables of statistics, which, they think, may prove suggestive:—

**TABLE I.**  
**Concerning the Branch Libraries.**

Branches.	When Estab- lished.	Population in 1880.	Registration in 1884.	Vols. in Branch in 1884.	Inhabitants per Vol. in Branch.	Vols. in Circula- tion in 1884.	Vols. Circulated to Persons Registered.	Vols. Circulated per Inhabitant.	Average Circu- lation per Vol.
East Boston .	1870	29,926	13,715	11,549	2.6	95,442	7.	3.2	8.3
South Boston	1871	56,369	17,311	11,407	4.9	124,220	7.2	2.2	10.9
Roxbury . . .	1872	52,073	17,245	23,078 <sup>1</sup>	2.2	111,357	6.5	2.2	4.8
Charlestown .	1873	33,731	16,888	24,633	1.4	76,966	4.5	2.3	3.1
Brighton . . .	1873	6,693	4,741	13,354	2.2	26,141	5.5	3.9	2.
Dorchester . .	1873	16,871	6,105	12,469	1.3	72,173	11.8	4.3	5.8
Jamaica Plain <sup>3</sup>	1873	26,747	3,725	12,634	2.1	51,271	13.8	2.	5.4
Central Libr'y <sup>4</sup>	. . .	140,429	127,173	68,868	2.	314,423	2.5	2.2	4.6

<sup>1</sup> Including 8,916 books belonging to the Fellows Athenæum.

<sup>2</sup> Two books per inhabitant.

<sup>3</sup> Including West Roxbury.

<sup>4</sup> Exclusive of Bates Hall and inclusive of South End and North End.

TABLE II.

**Circulation of Books on Various Subjects in the Lower  
Hall Library.**

	Number of Volumes.	Circulation.	Average Circulation per Volume.
I. English prose fiction for grown people and children . . . . .	14,552	107,142	7.36
II. History and biography . . . . .	6,085	13,731	2.26
III. Travels . . . . .	2,660	7,790	2.92
IV. Theology, law, medicine, arts and sciences . . . . .	6,445	16,547	2.57
V. Periodicals and collections . . . .	3,933	8,721	2.22
VI. Foreign languages . . . . .	2,972	8,460	2.85
VII. Poetry, the drama, rhetoric, etc. .	3,487	12,907	3.70
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	40,134	175,298	
Books of reference . . . . .	442		
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	40,576		

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THOMAS CUSHING,  
JOHN T. HASSAM,  
HENRY STONE,  
GEO. A. GORDON,  
T. S. PERRY,  
E. L. HOMANS,  
HENRY PARKMAN,  
C. J. MORRILL.

Dr. George H. Lyman, a member of the Committee, is in Europe, and has not had an opportunity to sign the report.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

*To the Trustees: —*

I herewith respectfully submit my seventh annual report, with the accompanying tables, which may be referred to for details.

## INCREASE OF THE LIBRARY.

During the year 15,353 volumes have been added to the Library, distributed among the several departments as follows: Bates Hall, 10,215; Lower Hall, 1,025; Branch libraries, 4,113. By direction of the book committee I have endeavored, so far as the funds would permit, to complete important serials which year by year are becoming more difficult to obtain. To the Journals of the House of Lords have been added 31 volumes, and of the House of Commons, 27 volumes, completing both series to the end of the years 1883 and 1880 respectively. These additions, with the 84 volumes of Parliamentary Sessional Papers, including a few which will soon be supplied, make our collection as complete and of as late date as can be found in any public library. The Journals of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of the United States lack nothing; and the addition of 30 volumes of the Congressional Record, which succeeded the Congressional Globe, brings within the reach of our readers the latest information to be found in those sources. Within the year we have added about 21 volumes to the "London Gazette," comprising the first eight volumes, from November 7, 1665, to December 31, 1694. We now have of this serial 268 volumes, the earlier of which, apparently unknown to our historical writers, have brought to light several documents of great interest in our colonial history. But I am sorry to add that neither the set of the "Gazette," nor that of the "London Chronicle," which began to be published in 1757, and contains much matter relating to American affairs, is complete, though the first is more nearly so, I am informed, than any other set in the country. The set of the *Encyclopédie d'architecture* has been completed by the addition of the first 12 volumes; that of *Hermes*, a periodical devoted to classical philology, by volumes 1 to 19, 1846 to 1884; that of the *Annales de la philosophie chrétienne* by 104 volumes, 1850 to 1883, and that of the *Gazette*

archéologique by 32 volumes, 1843 to 1875. The following are among the large illustrated works added within the year : *Bastian's* Amerika's Nordwest-Küste, — a large work representing collections of scientific specimens gathered by a German expedition to the coast of British Columbia and Alaska ; *Ewerbeck's* Die Renaissance in Belgien ; *Gruner's* Die decorative Kunst ; Les manuscrits de L. de Vinci ; *Vedder's* Omar Khayyan ; *Rayet's* Monuments de l'art antique, and *Thompson's* Sepulchral monuments of Italy. The Library has received the following works concerning the history of early wood-engraving, particularly of the German school : *Hirth's* Kulturgeschichtliches Bilderbuch aus drei Jahrhunderten ; *Liebhaver-Bibliothek* alter Illustratoren, a series of fac-simile reproductions, now comprising 10 volumes, and including reprints of works illustrated by Dürer and his school, Holbein, etc. ; *Muther's* Die deutsche Bücherillustration der Gothik und Frührenaissance ; and *Pfintzing's* Tewrdannekh, Holbein Society's publication, being a reproduction of the 1519 edition of this early German poem, in which are recounted the deeds of the Emperor Maximilian, and furnishes in the illustrations examples of early wood-engraving.

Although the acquisition of the foregoing works by the Library has been made known to the public through the Card Catalogue and the Bulletins, I advert to them in this manner for the purpose of recording the gratifying fact that the increased use of the Bates-Hall collection is not confined to its more popular departments or to treatises in which may be found the results of the labors of previous investigators, but extends to those original sources of information the use of which implies a spirit of research and more scientific methods of study. And I think there is evidence that this spirit has been stimulated by the existence in this city of a collection of some degree of completeness, which attracts the attention not only of local scholars but calls them hither from distant parts of the country.

How to bring the contents of such collections within easy reach of investigators is a problem not easy of solution. But the value of copious indexes as manifested by the influence of Dr. Poole's Index upon the use of periodical literature in Bates Hall can readily be seen if we compare the successive years since 1881-2, the year preceding the publication of that invaluable work. The number issued that year was 5,663 volumes. The Index was added to the Library in December, 1882, so that for four months of the library year, 1882-3, the public had access to that work, and the number of magazines issued increased to 6,783. The following year there were given out 8,137, and in the year ending April 30, 1885,



the large number of 10,941. This is the remarkable growth of nearly one hundred per cent. in three years; while the whole circulation from Bates Hall has been, in the same time, but twenty per cent., showing an advance in this class of literature nearly five times as great as that in the whole circulation of this part of the Library. The extension of Dr. Poole's plan to the more important fields of science and history is not altogether chimerical; and its need in one department—that of congressional and departmental papers of the general government—is manifest to one who is a daily witness of the almost hopeless groping of inquirers in an unexplored wilderness, in search not only of historical facts but of matters which more immediately touch their interest.

#### DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

Among the more important gifts to the Library within the the library year (including some received shortly after its close, and omitting a few mentioned in my last report) are the following: from the Boston Journal Company, at the instance of Col. W. W. Clapp, 104 volumes of the "Boston Journal;" from Mrs. Edward J. Holmes, 93 volumes and 202 pamphlets; from Miss Alice James, 173 volumes and 45 pamphlets; from the estate of Hiland Lockwood, 90 volumes; from Mrs. Curtis B. Raymond, 113 volumes; from Mrs. John C. Phillips, 186 volumes, and from Shepherd Brooks, 58 volumes; from Eliot C. Clarke, 40 volumes; from Thomas E. Frothingham, 187 volumes; from William W. Greenough, 57 volumes and 95 pamphlets, and from Chester Guild, 36 volumes and 360 pamphlets. Mrs. R. Anne Nichols has added 22 volumes to her former donations, which, with those given by her deceased sister, Eliza Mary Thayer, and her surviving sister, Caroline Coddington Thayer, from time to time, make their joint donations among the largest, and, in respect to the character of the books, among the most important gifts to the Library. Joseph A. Donahoe, at the instance of John T. Doyle, Esq., has added to the Library, *Noticias de la Nueva California*, escritas por el Rev. Padre Fr. *Paloic*, in four volumes,—an important work in the history of the early Spanish missions in California, of which only one hundred copies were published. In addition to their annual contribution, the children of the late Nathaniel Bowditch have presented to the Library a bust of Dr. Bowditch, with a collection of his published writings, originally given to the now discontinued Bowditch school; and the original manuscript of his translation of *Laplace's Mécan-*

ique Céleste has been transferred from Harvard College, at the request of the Bowditch heirs, and deposited with the Bowditch mathematical collection in the Public Library. Capt. Nathan Appleton has presented a marble bust of the late Thomas Gold Appleton, to whom the Library is indebted for the Tosti collection of engravings, etc. The heirs of the late George Ticknor have presented to the Library the original manuscript of the History of Spanish Literature, and the copy from which the third edition of that work was printed, and a bust of Cervantes, a more particular account of which may be found in the last Bulletin. In the same number may also be found some notice of a gift from Miss Anna E. Ticknor of a very interesting and valuable donation, consisting mainly of volumes of early American poetry, pamphlets, and broadsides, which has not been exceeded in importance by any recent donation to this Library.

#### CIRCULATION.

The total circulation of the Library for the year is 1,027,393. This is a falling off from the last year, in the popular departments, of 29,513 volumes, though not evenly distributed, the Bates Hall and the South Boston and Dorchester branches gaining, and the East Boston, Roxbury, Charlestown, Brighton, South End, Jamaica Plain, and North End branches and the Lower Hall losing.

The closing for repairs of the East Boston and North End branches for forty-four and twenty-five working days respectively accounts for the losses at these branches, and the fact that the past library year was shorter by two working days than the preceding year accounts for very nearly 7,000 of the decrease. Although there is a loss in the number of books circulated from the Lower Hall there is a gain in the quality, as is shown in the following comparative view for last two years : —

#### PERCENTAGES OF LOWER HALL CIRCULATION BY CLASSES FOR 1883-4 AND 1884-5.

	1883-4	1884-5
Fiction and Juveniles . . .	62.37	61.11
History and Biography . . .	7.54	7.84
Voyages and Travels . . .	4.08	4.44
Science, Art, etc. . . . .	9.24	9.44
Periodicals, bound . . . . .	5.32	4.98
Foreign languages . . . . .	4.22	4.83
Poetry, Drama, Miscellany . . .	7.23	7.36

Facility for learning shelf numbers, without doubt, has much to do with the circulation of books. It increases with the publication of a catalogue, and diminishes as people are obliged to consult the Card Catalogue or the Bulletins. The publication of the new Fiction-list for the Lower Hall, now nearly completed, will doubtless be followed by a large increase of circulation in that department, as were the Supplement to the Catalogue of Arts, Sciences, and Professions, and the new edition of the Catalogue of books in Foreign Languages, in 1881. But more obvious causes for the falling off of circulation of popular books is the curtailment of purchases of that class of literature.

Mr. Whitney, the principal Assistant Librarian, reports that during the year 20,141 volumes and 8,972 pamphlets have been catalogued. 92,239 cards have been added to the catalogues of the Central Library and Branches, and 4,622 old cards have been revised. In these statistics additions to the Barton catalogue and much miscellaneous work are not included. A new catalogue of the English Prose Fiction, including translations and books for the young, in the Lower Hall of the Central Library, is in press, and will be issued in July or August. The catalogue of the miscellaneous works in the Barton collection has been completed and printed to the title *Deloney*, making 144 pages, and is in type through the title *Drama*. The Bulletins have been published, as usual. More work has been done than in any previous year in the revision of the Card Catalogues, which are beginning to assume the orderly arrangement and completeness for which those in charge have been laboring for several years. A Key or Hand-book to these catalogues will be finished next year.

MELLEN CHAMBERLAIN,

*Librarian.*

MAY 1, 1885.



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1885.

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## APPENDIX I.

## EXTENT OF THE LIBRARY BY YEARS.

YEARS.		Total volumes in the Libraries.	Pamphlets added from the begin- ning.	YEARS.		Total volumes in the Libraries.	Pamphlets added from the begin- ning.
1	1852-53	9,688	961	18	1869-70	160,573	74,770
2	1853-54	16,221	3,950	19	1870-71	179,250	89,746
3	1854-55	22,617	6,507	20	1871-72	192,958	100,383
4	1855-56	28,080	12,386	21	1872-73	209,456	112,153
5	1856-57	34,896	16,053	22	1873-74	260,550	134,628
6	1857-58	70,851	17,938	23	1874-75	276,918	150,921
7	1858-59	78,043	19,255	24	1875-76	297,873	181,653
8	1859-60	85,031	20,707	25	1876-77	312,010	196,958
9	1860-61	97,386	27,381	26	1877-78	345,734	212,414
10	1861-62	105,034	28,874	27	1878-79	360,963	227,010
11	1862-63	110,563	31,043	28	1879-80	377,225	236,534
12	1863-64	116,934	31,837	29	1880-81	390,982	250,495
13	1864-65	123,016	32,553	30	1881-82	404,221	261,056
14	1865-66	130,678	36,566	31	1882-83	422,116	275,425
15	1866-67	136,080	44,443	32	1883-84	438,594	292,793
16	1867-68	144,092	47,254	33	1884-85	453,947	308,242
17	1868-69	152,796	61,177				

NOTE. — The aggregate of pamphlets "added from the beginning" includes many since bound, singly or in groups (which are now counted among volumes), and a very large number of duplicates which are thrown out and put among the pamphlets held for exchange.

## VOLUMES IN LIBRARY AND BRANCHES, 1884-85.

Central Library.	{ Bates Hall . . . . .	270,817	East Boston . . . . .	11,846
	{ Newspaper room . . . .	3,916	South Boston . . . . .	11,805
	{ Duplicate room . . . . .	15,194	Charlestown . . . . .	23,405
	{ Lower Hall . . . . .	40,544	Brighton . . . . .	13,436
	Total, Central Library .	330,471	Dorchester . . . . .	12,925
Roxbury Branch.	{ Fellowes Athenæum . . .	9,363	South End . . . . .	10,001
	{ City part . . . . .	14,530	Jamaica Plain . . . . .	9,861
	Total, Roxbury Branch .	23,893	West Roxbury delivery . . .	3,229
			North End . . . . .	1,075

## APPENDIX II.

## YEARLY INCREASE OF THE WHOLE LIBRARY BY PURCHASE AND BY GIFTS.

NOTICE.—The increase of volumes is not the sum of those added by gift and purchase, etc., because lost and condemned books are deducted.

YEARS.	INCREASE.		GIFTS.		Purchases, including those charged to funds and added by exchange.		Fellows Athenæum. <sup>2</sup>	Givers, excluding anonymous.
	Vols.	Pamph.	Vols.	Pamph.	Vols.	<sup>1</sup> Pamph	Vols.	
1852-81 . . . . .	395,177	251,538	143,745	178,866	250,474	67,974	7,143	12,583
1881-82 . . . . .	12,239	10,561	5,291	8,773	15,986	2,068	745	520
1882-83 . . . . .	17,895	14,369	5,340	11,844	16,222	2,525	522	575
1883-84 . . . . .	16,478	17,368	3,815	16,203	18,392	1,165	531	778
1884-85 . . . . .	15,353	15,449	2,975	10,831	17,005	4,618	457	899

<sup>1</sup>Includes pamphlets added both by purchase and exchange, as taken from the Accession catalogue.

<sup>2</sup>Included in previous columns. The volumes are not the property of the Public Library, but form a part of the Roxbury branch, by agreement.

Details for the years 1852-81 can be found in Appendix II. to the report for 1881.

## APPENDIX III.

## VOLUMES IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS OF BATES HALL.

	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885
Patent library . .	2,323	2,457	2,596	2,731	2,823	2,897	3,003	3,066	3,142	3,259	3,382	3,478
Bowditch library <sup>1</sup>	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,592	2,932	3,043	3,060	3,152	3,224	3,456	3,701	3,854
Parker library <sup>1</sup> .	11,907	11,935	12,292	12,291	12,296	12,309	12,322	12,337	12,363	13,952	13,971	14,024
Princee library . .	1,970	1,970	1,970	2,028	2,029	2,037	2,159	2,230	2,274	2,327	2,397	2,510
Ticknor library . .	3,907	3,940	4,285	4,929	5,171	5,354	5,432	5,454	5,463	5,507	5,544	5,724
Barton library . .	12,057	11,902	12,108 <sup>2</sup>	12,804	13,950	14,210	14,301	14,360	13,487	13,610	13,610	13,642
Franklin library . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	202	240	292	357	378
Thayer library . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	893	920	1,085	1,123

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix VII.

<sup>2</sup> The number given in 1874 was as near as could be reckoned before the entry on the Accession catalogue was made. The number given in 1875 is what had actually been entered, and the full number is given since these dates.



## APPENDIX IV.

## VOLUMES LOCATED IN THE LOWER HALL.

	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885
Reported the preceding year . . . . .	33,395	35,152	35,478	35,862	36,116	36,505	37,717	37,186	38,164	39,519
Added during the year . . . . .	3,570	3,830	2,728	2,339	2,493	2,376	2,576	2,378	2,716	2,090
Total . . . . .	36,965	38,982	38,206	38,201	38,599	38,881	40,293	39,564	40,880	41,618
Books transferred to Bates Hall . . . . .	394	19	22	12	14	5	3	7	4	29
Books transferred to Branches and Duplicate room . . . . .	. . . . .	27	755	11	297	1	606	. . . . .	4	. . . . .
Condemned during the year . . . . .	1,419	1,655	1,567	2,062	1,783	1,153	2,498	1,393	1,353	1,045
Losses of ten years . . . . .	. . . . .	1,803	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Total left . . . . .	35,152	1 35,478	35,862	36,116	36,505	37,717	37,186	38,164	39,519	40,544

<sup>1</sup> Actual count.

NOTE. — The "Losses of ten years" are explained in Appendix X. to the Report for 1877.

## APPENDIX V.

## INCREASE OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885
<i>Bates Hall.</i>					
{ Gain in books . . . . .	8,506	8,750	11,729	11,216	10,230
{ Condemned and transferred . . . . .	184	19	25	54	15
{ Net gain . . . . .	8,322	8,731	11,704	11,162	10,215
<i>Lower Hall.</i>					
{ Gain in books . . . . .	2,376	2,576	2,378	2,716	2,099
{ Condemned and transferred . . . . .	1,164	*	1,400	1,361	1,074
{ Net gain . . . . .	1,212	. . . .	978	1,355	1,025
<i>Newspaper room.</i>					
{ Gain in books . . . . .	69	41	98	55	258
{ Less loss . . . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
{ Net gain . . . . .	69	41	98	55	258
<i>Duplicate room.</i>					
{ Gain by addition . . . . .	386	936	1,764	1,340	420
{ Less loss by exchanges, etc. . . . .	1,233	223	781	528	211
{ Net gain . . . . .	. . . .	713	983	812	209
{ Loss . . . . .	847				
<i>East Boston branch.</i>					
{ Gain in books . . . . .	587	596	604	669	585
{ Condemned and lost . . . . .	377	372	379	383	288
{ Net gain . . . . .	210	223	225	286	297
<i>South Boston branch.</i>					
{ Gain in books . . . . .	995	1,000	766	1,105	935
{ Condemned and lost . . . . .	644	485	304	659	537
{ Net gain . . . . .	351	515	462	446	398
<i>Roxbury branch.</i>					
{ Gain in city part . . . . .	811	839	1,090	976	908
{ Condemned and lost . . . . .	335	260	757	428	540
{ Net gain . . . . .	476	579	333	548	368
{ Fellowes Athenæum. (Net gain) . . . .	2,111	745	522	531	447
{ Total gain . . . . .	2,587	1,324	855	1,079	815

\* There is a loss of 531 volumes for 1882, owing to the transfer of a large number of duplicates to the duplicate room, and also to the fact that the number of books condemned this year exceeds those supplied.

APPENDIX V.—*Continued.*

		1881	1882	1883	1884	1885
<i>Charlestown branch.</i>	{ Gain in books . . . . .	1,568	1,533	1,326	1,199	1,285
	{ Condemned and lost . . . . .	425	675	561	1,391	513
	{ Net gain . . . . .	1,143	858	765	*loss 192	772
<i>Brighton branch.</i>	{ Gain in books . . . . .	183	108	140	262	142
	{ Condemned and lost . . . . .	26	56	97	98	60
	{ Net gain . . . . .	117	52	51	164	82
<i>Dorchester branch.</i>	{ Gain in books . . . . .	640	828	767	961	1,120
	{ Condemned and lost . . . . .	128	93	189	402	664
	{ Net gain . . . . .	512	735	578	559	456
<i>Jamaica Plain branch.</i>	{ Gain in books . . . . .	450	460	569	559	569
	{ Condemned and lost . . . . .	23	96	195	119	124
	{ Net gain . . . . .	427	364	374	440	445
<i>South-End branch.</i>	{ Gain in books . . . . .	215	410	515	386	400
	{ Condemned and lost . . . . .	206	197	288	231	441
	{ Net gain . . . . .	9	213	227	95	loss 41
<i>Total increase.</i>	{ Bates Hall gain . . . . .	8,322	8,731	11,704	11,162	10,215
	{ Lower Hall gain . . . . .	1,212	loss 531	978	1,355	1,025
	{ Newspaper-room gain . . . . .	69	41	98	55	258
	{ Duplicate-room gain . . . . .		713	983	812	209
	{ East Boston branch gain . . . . .	210	223	225	286	297
	{ South Boston branch gain . . . . .	351	515	462	446	398
	{ Roxbury branch gain . . . . .	476	579	333	548	368
	{ Fellowes Athenæum gain . . . . .	2,111	745	522	531	447
	{ Charlestown branch gain . . . . .	1,143	858	765	loss 192	772
	{ Brighton branch gain . . . . .	117	52	51	164	82
	{ Dorchester branch gain . . . . .	512	735	578	559	456
	{ Jamaica Plain branch gain . . . . .	427	364	374	440	445
	{ South-End branch gain . . . . .	9	213	227	95	loss 41
	{ West Roxbury branch gain . . . . .		1	74	74	11
	{ North-End branch gain . . . . .			521	143	411
	{ Total gain . . . . .	14,113	13,239	17,895	16,478	15,353

\* This excessive loss at Charlestown is required to correct a mistake of some years' standing in the aggregate number of volumes, which is reported correctly this year in Appendix I.

## APPENDIX VI.

## INCREASE FROM NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOKS.

	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885
English books with British imprint . . . . .	2,830	2,237	1,763	1,781	1,555	1,841	2,091	2,058	2,113	2,100
English books with American imprint . . . . .	10,501	6,761	5,546	5,295	5,637	4,346	4,856	4,755	4,683	4,438
English books with Continental imprint . . . . .	316	180	191	233	238	186	235	232	265	200
Foreign books . . . . .	1,858	1,742	1,269	1,372	1,399	1,245	1,411	1,427	1,655	2,008
Total . . . . .	15,505	10,920	8,769	8,681	8,829	7,618	8,593	8,472	8,716	8,746

# APPENDIX VII.

## BATES HALL CLASSIFICATIONS.

(Representing books located only.)

Class No.	CLASSES.	GENERAL LIBRARY.			SPECIAL LIBRARIES.								Total, including special libraries.
		Located 1844-85.	Condensed and transferred, Deducted.	Total in general library, May 1, 1885.	1858.	1861.	1866.	1871.	1873.	1877.	1880.		
					Dowditch library.	Parker library.	Prince library.	Tucknor library.	Barton library.*	Thayer library.	Franklin library.	Pease library.	
I.	Cyclopaedias, etc. . . . .	43		1,761	244	315	6	...	21	...	...	...	2,347
II.	Bibliography and literary history . . . . .	296		6,925	34	614	4	278	689	...	5	...	8,549
III.	General history, biography, travel, and geography . . . . .	290		8,957	16	706	54	33	135	42	...	...	9,043
IV.	American history, geography, biography, travel, and polite literature . . . . .	1,580		32,480	96	1,128	944	321	965	86	291	310	36,621
V.	English history, etc. . . . .	1,077		26,210	75	858	90	21	3,236	564	10	2,839	33,923
VI.	French history, etc. . . . .	493		14,566	59	519	7	56	2,486	214	6	276	18,189
VII.	Italian history, etc. . . . .	94		8,184	9	325	2	31	341	37	...	2	8,931
VIII.	German history, etc. . . . .	736	1	9,312	7	1,413	8	26	254	40	...	25	11,085
IX.	Greek, Latin, and philology . . . . .	293		5,916	6	1,180	196	131	623	14	3	...	8,069
X.	Spanish and Portuguese history and literature . . . . .	191		1,491	21	95	...	3,813	200	12	...	...	5,542
XI.	Other history, geography, biography, travel, and literature . . . . .	405	3	7,487	2	397	1	1	294	3	...	4	8,099
XII.	Periodicals and transactions . . . . .	799		19,713	1,988	769	5	251	471	5	...	...	22,392
XIII.	Theology, ecclesiastical history, etc. . . . .	720		20,475	144	3,492	1,068	350	288	35	8	...	26,990
XIV.	Metaphysics and social science . . . . .	367	2	9,914	5	1,360	49	120	140	5	27	...	10,720
XV.	Jurisprudence . . . . .	291		4,818	3	397	13	60	30	...	...	2	5,233
XVI.	Political economy . . . . .	198		2,973	65	98	...	24	17	...	...	...	3,177
XVII.	Medical science . . . . .	411		12,671	3	75	22	5	35	...	3	...	12,814
XVIII.	Natural history and science . . . . .	345		8,492	14	170	...	31	89	2	...	...	8,708
XIX.	Mathematics and physical science . . . . .	456	1	10,115	1,953	136	22	61	47	1	19	...	12,354
XX.	Useful arts . . . . .	353		6,636	4	13	...	31	16	...	4	...	6,104
XXI.	Fine arts . . . . .	368		7,244	...	54	1	9	43	52	...	...	7,493
XXII.	Bound volumes of miscellaneous pamphlets . . . . .	...		468	6	...	...	...	73	...	...	...	547
XXIII.	Bound volumes of manuscripts . . . . .	81		...	...	...	18	41	67	...	2	...	299
XXIV.	Shakespeare . . . . .	...		...	...	...	...	...	3,172	11	...	...	3,183
XXV.	Books for the blind . . . . .	...		354	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	354
	Totals . . . . .	9,536	7	224,863	3,854	14,024	2,510	5,734	13,042	1,123	378	3,478	269,596

EXPLANATION. — Class III. includes general history, etc., when embracing several countries, and collected works of historians.

Class IV. includes the collected works of American writers, and what of American literature is sometimes termed polygraphy.

Classes V., VI., VII., and VIII. have the same scope for the respective countries that Class IV. has for America. Class VII. includes also Belgium, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and the Scandinavian nations.

Class XIV. includes political science and ethics, applied and unapplied, education, phrenology, etc.

Class XIX. includes mechanics, military and naval arts, agriculture, domestic arts, etc.

Class XXIV. does not include the Shakespeare collection of the general library.

The subdivisions of classes are kept in ranges by themselves, so that for purposes of enumeration or learning percentage of use, it is practicable at any time to get exact figures upon the subdivisions; as also upon such points as biography, travel, and voyages, etc., by summing the results of the ranges devoted to them in the several alcoves.

NOTE. — The dates given in the special libraries column show the year when they were acquired by the library.

Details for years previous to 1882 can be found in Appendix VIII. to the Report for 1881.

\* Includes all books in room G, — 12,108 of them belonging to the Barton library, as originally shelved there.



## APPENDIX VIII.

## LOWER HALL CLASSIFICATIONS.

CLASSES.	1884				1885	To be de- ducted.		
	Total May 1.	New books Added.	Duplicates Added.	Condemned books replaced.	Total added 1884-85.	Transferred to B. H. & Duplicate Room	Condemned.	Total in L. H. April 30, 1885.
Theology, moral and intellectual science, etc. . . . .	2,028	35	9	5	49	..	7	2,070
jurisprudence and political science . . . . .	427	23	7	1	31	..	2	456
Medicine, mathematics, physics or natural science . .	2,750	86	14	13	113	..	25	2,838
Useful and fine arts, military and naval science . . .	1,031	40	10	3	53	..	3	1,081
American history and politics . . . . .	1,292	37	13	13	63	2	15	1,338
Foreign history and politics . . . . .	1,644	35	17	6	58	..	39	1,663
Poetry, drama, oratory, rhetoric . . . . .	3,439	46	6	26	78	1	30	3,486
English prose fiction, including juvenile fiction, and other juvenile books . . . . .	14,098	317	364	512	1,193	8	731	14,552
Biography . . . . .	2,976	92	20	12	124	..	26	3,074
Travels . . . . .	2,543	67	38	23	128	..	21	2,650
Libraries, collections, periodicals, etc.* . . . .	3,913	71	33	31	135	18	97	3,933
German books . . . . .	1,587	30	..	22	52	..	39	1,600
Italian books . . . . .	156	..	..	..	..	..	..	156
French books . . . . .	1,193	12	..	4	16	..	8	1,201
Spanish books . . . . .	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Books of reference . . . . .	437	5	..	1	6	..	2	441
Extent of L. H. collection . . . . .	39,519	896	531	672	2,099	29	1,045	40,544
Reported last year . . . . .	39,519							
Gain in 1884-85 . . . . .	1,025							

\*This class, embracing sets like Bohn's "Libraries," etc., includes many books, of course, which, in a minute classification, would have been divided among all the previous heads of this table.

NOTE.—The column of "Condemned books replaced" includes books condemned in previous years as well as in the current year. The column "Total Added" shows the number of volumes as put upon the shelves, counting as one those bound two volumes in one, etc.

## APPENDIX IX.

GIFTS, MAY 1, 1884, TO APRIL 30, 1885.

Givers (excluding anonymous)	899
Volumes	2,975
Pamphlets	10,831

GIVERS.	Vols.	Pphs.
Adams, Prof. Charles Kendall, <i>Ann Arbor, Mich.</i>		2
Adams, Z. B., <i>M.D., Framingham</i>		1
Adams Nervine Asylum		1
Adolph, Dr. Carl, <i>Sorau, Germany</i>	2	
Agassiz, Alexander, <i>Cambridge</i>		1
Aiken, Walter H., <i>College Hill, Ohio</i>		1
Alabama Historical Society, <i>Tuskaloosa, Ala.</i>		14
Alumni Association of Dartmouth College, <i>Hanover, N. H.</i>		1
Alumni Association of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i>		5
American Academy of Arts and Sciences	2	
American Academy of Dental Science	1	
American Antiquarian Society, <i>Worcester</i>		3
American Association for the Advancement of Science	1	
American Bankers' Association, <i>New York City</i>		2
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions		14
American Congregational Association		3
American Exchange, <i>Paris, France</i>		1
American Forestry Congress		1
American Home Missionary Society, <i>New York City</i>		13
American Institute of Mining Engineers, <i>New York City</i>	3	
American Iron and Steel Association, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i>	2	1
American Missionary Association, <i>New York City</i>	3	
American Philological Association		3
American Philosophical Society, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i>	2	
American Society of Civil Engineers, <i>New York City</i>	1	
American Society of Microscopists, <i>Buffalo, N. Y.</i>		1
American Unitarian Association	1	
Amherst College Library, <i>Amherst</i>		1
Anagnos, Michael		6
Andover Theological Seminary, <i>Andover</i>		2
Angell, George T.		
Annerstedt, Claes, <i>Upsala, Sweden</i>	1	
Anonyms	5	1
Appleton, D. & Co., <i>New York City</i>	150	515
Appleton, William S.	1	
Apprentices' Library, <i>New York City</i>		31
Apprentices' Library, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i>		10
Archæological Institute of America		7
Arens, E. J., <i>M.D.</i>	1	1
Astor Library, <i>New York City</i>	1	
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Railroad Co.		1
Ayer, J. C., & Co., <i>Lowell</i>	2	



GIVERS.	Vols.	Ppks.
Ayers, J., <i>M.D.</i> , <i>Rockland, Me.</i> . . . . .		1
Bacon, <i>Mrs.</i> William . . . . .	1	
Baird, <i>Prof.</i> Spencer F., <i>Washington, D.C.</i> . . . .	2	
Baker, <i>Rev.</i> Charles R., <i>Brooklyn, N.Y.</i> . . . .	1	
Baker, W. H., <i>M.D.</i> . . . . .		2
Baldwin, Charles H. . . . .	23	
Balfour, David M. . . . .	1	2
Baueroft, <i>Miss</i> Jane M., <i>Evanston, Ill.</i> . . . .		1
Barclay, James J., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> . . . .		16
Barnes, Henry J., <i>M.D.</i> . . . .		1
Barrow-in-Furness. <i>England</i> , Free Public Library . . .		2
Bartlett, <i>Commander</i> John R., <i>U.S.N.</i> . . . . 1 chart		9
Bartlett, <i>Rev.</i> S. C., <i>Hanover, N.H.</i> . . . .		1
Bartow, Morey-Hale, <i>New York City</i> . . . . .		1
Bates, Arlo . . . . .		4
Baxter, Edward F. . . . .	1	
Baxter, James P., <i>Portland, Me.</i> . . . .	1	
Beers, William A., <i>Bridgeport, Conn.</i> . . . .		1
Belgium, Chamber of Representatives . . . . .	7	
Bell, Alexander G., <i>Washington, D.C.</i> . . . .	1	
Bell, C. H., <i>Exeter, N.H.</i> . . . .	1	
Beloit College, <i>Beloit, Wis.</i> . . . .		1
Belrose, Louis, <i>jr.</i> . . . .	1	
Benét, <i>Brig.-Gen.</i> S.V., <i>Washington, D.C.</i> . . . .	3	
Benjamin, <i>Rev.</i> Raphael, <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> . . . .	1	
Benton, J. H., <i>jr.</i> . . . .		1
Berkshire Independents . . . . .		1
Betts, E. C., <i>Auburn, Ala.</i> . . . .		8
Bibliographie de Belgique, <i>Brussels</i> . . . . .		6
Bibliothèque de la Ville de Paris . . . . . 3 maps	2	
Bicknell, Thomas W. . . . .		1
Biewend, <i>Rev.</i> Adolphus . . . . .		1
Biker, Julio F. J., <i>Lisbon, Portugal</i> . . . . .	1	
Birmingham, <i>England</i> , Borough of . . . . .	2	
Blaisdell, Frank C. . . . .		1
Blake, Francis E. . . . .	1	
Bliss, <i>Rev.</i> J. Isham, <i>Burlington, Vt.</i> . . . .		1
Boardman, James, <i>Manchester, England</i> . . . .	1	
Bolles, W. P. . . . .	8	
Bolton, <i>England</i> , Public Library . . . . .		1
Bond, T. Edward . . . . . 1 newspaper		
Borland, J. N., <i>M.D.</i> , <i>New London, Conn.</i> . . . .		2
Boston, City of . . . . .	173	16
— Auditor . . . . .	5	
— Board of Health . . . . .		1
— City Hospital . . . . .	1	
— Collector's Office . . . . .	72	49
— Commissioners of Parks . . . . .		6
— Overseers of the Poor . . . . .	1	
— School Committee . . . . .	9	1
— Water Board . . . . .	6	
Boston Athenæum . . . . .	1	3
Boston Commandery Knights Templars — Committee on the California pilgrimage . . . . .	1	
Boston Commercial Exchange . . . . .		2
Boston Gas Light Company . . . . .	6	
Boston Journal Company . . . . .	104	
Boston Lying-In Hospital . . . . .		1
Boston Medical Library Association . . . . .	1	

GIVERS.	Vols.	Ppbs.
Boston Port and Seamen's Aid Society . . . . .		1
Boston Provident Association . . . . .		1
Boston Society of Natural History . . . . .	16	3
Boston University . . . . .		1
Boston Young Men's Christian Association . . . . .	10	
Bostonian Society, . . . . . 1 map		
Boursaud, Rev. Edward V. . . . .	2	
Bowditch, Henry I., <i>M.D.</i> . . . .	1	
Bowdoin College, <i>Brunswick, Me.</i> . . . .		1
Bowman, S. Z., <i>Somerville</i> . . . . .	3	
Boyd, Mrs. L. T., <i>New Orleans, La.</i> . . . .	1	5
Boyle, Charles E., <i>Washington, D.C.</i> . . . .		1
Boylston, Edward D., <i>Amherst, N.H.</i> . . . .	1	
Brace, Charles L., <i>New York City</i> . . . . .		1
Bradlee, Rev. Caleb D., a lot of broadsides, 4 maps, 265 newspapers . . . . .	49	732
Branner, John C., <i>Scranton, Pa.</i> . . . .		1
Brewer, Mrs. Adèle, <i>Stockbridge</i> . . . . .	6	2
Bridge, Samuel J. . . . .		1
Bridgeport, Conn., Public Library . . . . .		3
Brigham, Edwin H., <i>M.D.</i> . . . .		1
Brightly, Frederick C., <i>Germantown, Pa.</i> . . . .	1	
Brinton, Daniel G., <i>M.D., Philadelphia, Pa.</i> . . . .		1
British Museum . . . . .	1	
Brookline, Public Library . . . . .		1
Brooklyn Library, <i>Brooklyn, N.Y.</i> . . . . 1 newspaper		2
Brooks, Erastus, <i>New Brighton, N.Y.</i> . . . .	1	
Brooks, Morgan . . . . .		1
Brooks, Shepherd . . . . .	58	
Brooks, Rev. William H., <i>Hanover</i> . . . . .		2
Brown Francis H., <i>M.D.</i> . . . . 1 broadside	2	150
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Ware, William & Co. . . . .		2
Warner & Foote, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> . . . . 1 map		
Warren, Winslow . . . . . 1 newspaper		
Washburn, Israel, jr., <i>Widow and Children of, Portland, Me.</i> . . . .	1	
Washburn College, <i>Topeka, Kan.</i> . . . .		1

GIVERS.	Vols.	Ppha.
Waterhouse, Prof. Sylvester, <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> . . . .		1
Watertown, Free Public Library . . . . .		1
Watson, Miss M. F. . . . .	1	
Wayland, Prof. Francis, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> . . . .		2
Webster, Frank B., <i>Pawtucket, R.I.</i> . . . .	1	
Webster Historical Society . . . . .		1
Weiser, Rev. C. Z. <i>East Greenville, Pa.</i> . . . .	1	
Werneke, Dr. B., <i>Montabaur, Germany</i> . . . . .	1	
West Brookfield, Town of . . . . .		1
West Virginia. Department of Free Schools . . . .		3
Western Reserve and Northern Ohio Historical Society, <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> . . . . .		5
Weston, David B. . . . .	1	
Weymouth Historical Society, <i>Weymouth</i> . . . . .	1	
Whitaker, Alfred E., <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> . . . .		1
Whitcher, Miss Mary, <i>Shaker Village, N.H.</i> . . . .	12	4
White, James C., <i>M.D.</i> . . . .		3
White, Richard E., <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> . . . .	1	
Whiting, Isaac S., <i>Wilton, N.H.</i> . . . .		1
Whitney, James L., . . . . 1 newspaper, 9 broadsides	2	97
Whitney, Prof. Josiah D., <i>Cambridge</i> . . . . .	1	1
Whittier, Charles C. . . . .	1	1
Whittlesey, E., <i>Washington, D.C.</i> . . . .	1	
Wickes, W. B., <i>Sharon</i> . . . . .		2
Wilcox, Reynold W., <i>M.D., New York City</i> . . . .		1
Wilder, Marshall P. . . . .		1
Williams, J. L. . . . .		1
Wilson, Horace, <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> . . . .	9	
Winchester, G. F., <i>Middletown Conn.</i> . . . .		1
Winchester Observatory, Yale College, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i>		3
Winsor, Justin, <i>Cambridge</i> . . . . .		2
Winthrop, Robert C., . . . . 12 newspapers	7	136
Wisconsin Institution for the Education of the Blind, <i>Madison, Wis.</i> . . . .		1
Wisconsin State Historical Society, <i>Madison, Wis.</i> . .	29	
Woburn, Public Library . . . . .		2
Woodbury, C. J. H. . . . .	2	
Woodbury, John . . . . .		2
Woodward, George B. . . . .		
Woodward, W. Elliott . . . . .	1	6
Worcester, Free Public Library . . . . .		4
Worthington, Roland & Co. . . . .	3	
Wright, Carroll D. . . . .	11	
Wright, Elizur . . . . .		1
Wright, Prof. J. H., <i>Hanover, N.H.</i> . . . .		1
Wuerttembergischer Thierschutzverein, <i>Stuttgart, Germany</i> . . . .	1	
Wyman, Gerald . . . . .		1
Xavier Union, <i>New York City</i> . . . . .		1
Yale College, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> . . . .		1
Yerkes, Rev. Stephen, <i>Danville, Ky.</i> . . . .		10
Yorkshire Archæological and Topographical Association		2
Young Men's Association, <i>Buffalo, N.Y.</i> . . . .		2
Young Men's Christian Association, <i>New York City</i> .		1
Young Men's Library, <i>Atlanta, Ga.</i> . . . .	1	
Young Men's Library, <i>Buffalo, N.Y.</i> . . . .		3
Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> . . . .		2
Zion's Advocate, <i>Portland, Me.</i> . . . .		1
Zoological Society, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> . . . .		2





# APPENDIX X.

## CIRCULATION.

(Books issued.)

Year.	Number of whole days open.	TOTAL CIRCULATION.			BATES HALL.					LOWER HALL.					EAST BOSTON BRANCH.					SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH.					ROXBURY BRANCH.				
		Issues.	Daily average.	Largest No. in one day. <i>a</i>	Home use.	Hall use.	Total.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Home use. <i>b</i> (White slips.)	Hall use. (Green slips.)	Total.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Home use.	Hall use.	Total.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Home use.	Hall use.	Total.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Home use.	Hall use.	Total.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.
1876 . . . . .	306	947,021	3,097	8,025	54,556	59,573	114,329	373	877	338,450	10,392	348,842	1,140	2,598	89,949	1,038	99,987	293	856	113,334	988	115,539	370	1,045	98,304	2,993	101,297	320	925
1877 . . . . .	306	1,149,572	3,727	8,348	66,832	74,786	141,618	463	930	392,995	12,737	405,732	1,326	2,439	101,022	1,605	102,627	335	902	131,969	3,210	135,179	430	1,075	140,059	6,779	146,829	477	1,190
1878 . . . . .	305	1,383,991	3,882	10,475	80,326	66,670	146,996	483	1,001	378,439	12,756	391,175	1,265	2,902	104,717	1,879	106,596	343	1,088	137,010	3,741	140,751	447	1,414	122,517	7,513	130,030	404	1,100
1879 . . . . .	308	1,180,565	3,833	8,747	74,027	89,163	163,790	532	926	350,521	12,672	363,193	1,179	2,085	95,887	2,794	98,681	320	916	115,509	3,335	118,844	503	1,209	123,492	6,397	129,889	403	1,013
1880 . . . . .	307	1,156,721	3,758	8,751	69,042	101,700	170,742	554	1,045	306,148	10,369	316,517	1,031	1,999	105,197	3,004	108,201	303	951	138,369	5,261	143,570	467	1,266	119,450	5,480	124,930	388	1,017
1881 . . . . .	304	1,065,081	3,504	8,637	68,009	96,764	165,373	547	1,046	257,592	9,271	266,863	847	1,849	97,024	4,097	101,118	318	989	129,251	3,607	132,858	435	1,137	105,700	4,912	116,612	360	972
1882 . . . . .	303	1,040,553	3,434	8,170	63,782	103,540	167,322	532	1,052	239,001	11,191	250,792	825	1,670	88,001	7,073	95,974	328	865	125,409	4,077	129,486	426	1,074	101,534	4,739	106,273	347	876
1883 . . . . .	306	1,045,902	3,418	8,206	66,948	113,127	180,075	588	1,181	163,811	32,119	195,930	640	1,301	92,833	8,107	100,940	329	876	121,089	4,472	126,411	413	1,062	105,797	6,728	112,525	370	906
1884 . . . . .	306	1,056,906	3,454	8,604	65,080	119,832	184,913	604	1,220	168,926	35,066	203,992	667	1,333	88,394	7,048	95,442	311	871	119,564	4,656	124,220	405	1,161	106,483	7,874	111,357	360	909
1885 . . . . .	304	1,027,393	3,380	7,977	78,630	124,134	202,764	667	1,210	150,826	32,768	183,594	606	1,186	75,710	8,747	94,457	325	855	123,570	5,096	128,666	423	1,145	98,350	7,820	106,180	349	884

Year.	CHARLESTOWN BRANCH.					BRIGHTON BRANCH.					DORCHESTER BRANCH.					SOUTH-END BRANCH.					JAMAICA PLAIN BRANCH.					NORTH-END BRANCH.			
	Home use.	Hall use.	Total.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Home use.	Hall use.	Total.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Home use.	Hall use.	Total.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Home use.	Hall use.	Total.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Home use.	Hall use.	Total.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Hall use.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	
1876 . . . . .	84,631	1,184	85,815	279	830	23,531	1,274	24,805	81	314	63,357	899	56,016	206	552	41,263	1,099	42,402	188	667	28,174	2,106	40,280	138	384	11,630	38	183	102
1877 . . . . .	105,211	1,995	106,516	348	902	27,532	1,960	29,792	97	390	67,692	4,287	71,979	220	620	41,263	1,099	42,402	188	667	28,174	2,106	40,280	138	384	11,630	38	183	102
1878 . . . . .	99,337	2,063	101,540	332	970	27,549	1,968	29,247	89	328	63,025	1,949	61,974	197	624	41,263	1,099	42,402	188	667	28,174	2,106	40,280	138	384	11,630	38	183	102
1879 . . . . .	89,925	1,515	88,740	289	685	26,737	1,859	28,928	93	312	56,785	1,423	59,673	184	575	41,263	1,099	42,402	188	667	28,174	2,106	40,280	138	384	11,630	38	183	102
1880 . . . . .	73,592	1,446	74,748	246	616	26,496	1,574	27,980	91	302	55,680	1,026	56,716	176	541	41,263	1,099	42,402	188	667	28,174	2,106	40,280	138	384	11,630	38	183	102
1881 . . . . .	78,582	2,140	80,822	273	789	26,067	2,110	28,177	85	398	53,904	1,730	55,188	177	541	41,263	1,099	42,402	188	667	28,174	2,106	40,280	138	384	11,630	38	183	102
1882 . . . . .	85,038	2,281	87,319	284	741	25,152	2,292	27,444	89	277	53,036	1,449	54,485	144	561	41,263	1,099	42,402	188	667	28,174	2,106	40,280	138	384	11,630	38	183	102
1883 . . . . .	84,360	2,744	87,304	285	776	25,965	2,295	28,237	92	273	65,678	1,889	67,558	219	659	41,263	1,099	42,402	188	667	28,174	2,106	40,280	138	384	11,630	38	183	102
1884 . . . . .	74,453	2,513	76,966	251	657	24,214	1,927	26,141	85	277	70,260	1,913	72,173	237	741	41,263	1,099	42,402	188	667	28,174	2,106	40,280	138	384	11,630	38	183	102
1885 . . . . .	69,181	2,359	71,541	235	587	22,682	2,299	24,892	82	255	71,963	1,639	73,502	242	633	41,263	1,099	42,402	188	667	28,174	2,106	40,280	138	384	11,630	38	183	102

*a* Includes the largest of each department on any day, without regard to its being the same day.

*b* Includes books borrowed on white slips, and returned the same day.

*c* The East Boston branch was closed from October 7th to 9th, 1879, for repairs; South Boston from August 12th to November 2d, 1879, for repairs and enlargement.

*d* The Charlestown branch was closed from April 20th to the 30th, to rearrange the books, and also from May 1st to the 11th, 1880.

*e* The East Boston branch was closed 25 working-days.

" South-end " " " 85 " " " during 1882.  
" Dorchester " " " 6 " " " during 1883.  
The North-end branch was open 177 days during 1883.

*f* The Dorchester branch was closed one day, for repairs, during 1884.

*g* The East Boston and North End branches were closed 41 and 25 working-days respectively, during 1885.



# APPENDIX XI.

## REGISTRATION.

The first registration, 1854-58, had 17,066 names; the second, 1859-67, had 52,829 names.	I. Applications.					II. Applications sent to police for verification.					III. Cards refused (mostly because applicants were non-residents or under age.)					IV. Cards not called for during the year.					V. Applications cancelled after being 6 months on file, and a month's notice.					Totals of third registration to May 1, 1885.
	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	
Central library . . . .	5,607	5,901	5,653	5,296	5,175	3,558	3,649	3,627	3,149	3,151	133	120	128	88	142	232	232	227	310	320	232	227	311	235	239	124,018
East Boston branch . .	792	893	796	699	638	600	666	549	480	479	12	16	11	16	16	.	23	22	28	27	12	24	22	20	13	14,353
South Boston branch .	1,138	1,143	1,176	1,161	1,154	194	198	297	136	123	15	14	15	7	13	35	25	31	18	5	14	28	29	33	17	18,465
Roxbury branch . . . .	922	1,005	1,136	1,044	970	57	52	51	24	10	7	5	7	9	.	37	41	51	51	44	37	41	51	51	44	18,215
Charlestown branch . .	955	924	855	734	649	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	.	10	9	36	27	9	20	18	25	17	26	.	18	17,537
Brighton branch . . . .	194	215	251	186	199	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4,741
Dorchester branch . . .	382	531	602	554	617	32	12	9	20	38	2	1	.	3	6	18	12	14	10	14	5	9	7	9	4	6,722
South-End branch . . . .	881	1,065	1,055	1,135	1,102	6	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	4	16	.	.	.	.	14	.	.	.	.	8,832
Jamaica Plain branch .	473	486	418	400	388	.	.	.	.	.	5	.	.	1	.	6	5	6	10	2	15	11	2	8	3	4,113
North-End branch . . . .	.	.	431	169	105	.	.	431	169	105	.	.	.	18	.	.	.	.	26	10	8	.	20	.	.	705
Totals . . . . .	11,344	12,163	12,373	11,378	10,997	4,447	4,577	4,964	3,978	4,906	174	166	161	152	190	380	903	398	457	438	354	357	468	356	338	217,701

The correction of a mistake of over eight years' standing leaves the total registration for the Brighton branch as herein given.

## APPENDIX XII.

## BOOKS RECOMMENDED, USE OF PATENT-ROOM AND TOSTI ENGRAVINGS.

YEARS.	BOOKS RECOMMENDED.						USE OF PATENTS.		USE OF TOSTI ENGRAVINGS.			
	Total recom- mended.		Total.		Already in Library.		Received since.		Citizens.		Strangers.	
	Eng.	For.	Eng.	For.	Eng.	For.	Eng.	For.	Gent'n.	Ladies.	Gent'n.	Ladies.
1876 . . . . .	2,423	370	2,793	519	47	1,635	126	2,104	74	142	55	156
1877 . . . . .	2,055	384	2,387	501	87	1,282	109	2,660	47	99	65	140
1878 . . . . .	1,579	244	1,823	456	47	731	117	3,069	37	65	34	82
1879 . . . . .	2,180	374	2,554	487	59	1,236	92	3,202	24	49	45	115
1880 . . . . .	1,984	609	2,593	299	69	1,063	231	3,125	30	48	28	81
1881 . . . . .	1,521	485	2,006	279	55	1,088	200	3,527	14	12	27	94
1882 . . . . .	1,630	595	2,223	225	67	1,073	297	3,568	10	19	16	59
1883 . . . . .	1,592	841	2,433	161	95	1,203	296	3,745	13	28	16	57
1884 . . . . .	1,744	1,005	2,749	212	216	1,394	772	3,514	8	34	7	26
1885 . . . . .	1,542	530	2,072	221	62	1,331	735	*2,869	6	32	12	41

\* Of this number 872 were non-residents. The largest number of persons consulting patents in one day was 24, on the 5th of May, 1884.

NOTE. — The column of "Received since" denotes those received of the "Total recommended" the same year. What may be in subsequent years received of such "Total recommended" does not appear in this table.

Patents. — The American, French, German and British patents are in the Patent-Room under charge of a Curator.

Engravings. — The statistics refer only to the bound volumes. They can be seen every morning from 9 to 12, by applying at the Bates Hall delivery desk.

## APPENDIX XIII.

## BATES-HALL READING.

CLASSIFICATION.	PERCENTAGE OF USE.									
	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885
English history, topography, biography, travel, and polite literature . . . . .	15	13	13	13	13.2	13.1	12.3	12.0	11.8	11.8
American (North and South) history, etc. . . . .	12	10	14	13	11.8	11.1	12.2	12.4	11.3	10.6
French history, etc. . . . .	5	5	4	4	6.1	5.8	5.3	4.6	5.2	5.1
German history, etc. . . . .	3	3	5	5	3.4	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8	4.5
Italian history, etc. . . . .	2	2	2	2	1.5	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Other history, topography, biography, travel, and polite literature . . . . .	4	3	5	5	4.2	4.6	5.1	4.7	5.0	5.2
General and epochal history . .	3	2	2	3	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.
Greek, Latin, and philology . .	3	4	4	4	3.5	3.6	3.9	3.3	3.5	2.9
Bibliography . . . . .	1	1	2	2	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.9	1.5
Transactions . . . . .	1	5	2	2	.5	.6	.6	.7	.7	.5
Periodicals . . . . .	7	6	5	5	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.7	4.4	5.4
Fine arts . . . . .	10	9	12	13	8.9	8.7	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.
Natural history and science . .	3	3	1	1	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.5
Theology, ecclesiastical history, ethics, education, etc. . . . .	10	10	8	8	11.0	11.5	11.3	15.0	11.0	11.2
Medicine . . . . .	6	6	6	6	7.3	7.0	6.6	6.4	7.0	6.8
Law, government, and political economy . . . . .	3	3	2	2	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.7	2.2
Useful arts, mathematics, physics, etc. . . . .	9	10	10	10	9.7	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.3	10.2
Miscellaneous . . . . .	3	5	3	3	4.0	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.9	5.7



# APPENDIX XIV.

## LOWER HALL AND BRANCH READING.

(Based upon the record of books returned.)

Class No.	CLASSES. The figures give the relative percentages.	1880							1881							1882											
		L. H.	E. B.	S. B.	Rox.	Dor.	S. E.	J. P.	Total.	L. H.	E. B.	S. B.	Rox.	Chn.	Dor.	S. E.	J. P.	Total.	L. H.	E. B.	S. B.	Rox.	Chn.	Dor.	S. E.	J. P.	Total.
I.	Fiction and juveniles* . . . . .	70	80	76	83	79	73	62	74.7	70	80	76	82	78	79	74	79	77	64.23	78	73	81	78.2	77.4	80.3	79	76.6
II.	History and biography . . . . .	6	4	6	4	5	8	6	5.3	7	4	5	4	6	5	4	5	5	7.01	5	11	5	6	4.1	5.4	5	6.1
III.	Travels and voyages . . . . .	3	2	3	3	3	5	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	9	3	4	4.03	2	4	3	3	2.8	3.2	3	3.1
IV.	Science, arts, fine and useful, the- ology, law, medicine, professions .	7	3	4	4	4	5	4	4.4	6	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	8.96	4	4	5	2.7	4.5	4.8	4	4.8
V.	Periodicals . . . . .	7	6	6	3	5	5	4	5	5	6	7	4	4	5	5	4	5	4.93	7	3.5	4	4	5.2	3.1	5	4.6
VI.	Foreign languages . . . . .	3	...	...	...	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	.5	3.52	...	.5	1	.1	.1	...	...	.6
VII.	Miscellaneous . . . . .	4	5	5	3	4	4	21	6.6	6	4	5	4	6	4	4	4	4.5	7.32	4	4	1	6	3.9	3.2	4	4.2

Class No.	CLASSES. The figures give the relative percentages.	1883									1884									1885								
		L. H.	E. B.	S. B.	Rox.	Chn.	Dor.	S. E.	J. P.	Total.	L. H.	E. B.	S. B.	Rox.	Chn.	Dor.	S. E.	J. P.	Total.	L. H.	E. B.	S. B.	Rox.	Chn.	Dor.	S. E.	J. P.	Total.
I.	Fiction and juveniles*	61.49	77.50	75	79	75.9	77.8	77.2	77	75.1	62.37	77.33	74.	77.	76	77	75.29	76	74.3	61.11	78	75	79	73.7	78.6	73.11	76	74.3
II.	History and biography	7.26	3.75	7	5	6.3	4.6	6.	5	5.6	7.54	5.	8	5.	6	3	5.96	6	5.8	7.84	5	8	5	7.4	5.6	8.51	6	6.7
III.	Travels and voyages	4.57	3.00	3	3	3.	3.5	4.	4	3.5	4.98	2.17	4.	4.	3	6	4.55	4	4.2	4.44	2	4	3	3.7	3.2	5.51	4	3.7
IV.	Science, arts, fine and useful, the- ology, law, medicine, professions.	9.47	2.75	5	5	3.2	5.3	5.7	4	5.1	9.24	3.42	3	5.	3	5	5.53	5	4.9	9.44	3	3	3	3.6	4.6	6.59	5	4.8
V.	Periodicals	5.11	7.38	7	5	4.6	3.8	2.9	6	5.	5.32	8.	6.	6.	5	5	2.36	6	5.4	4.98	8	5	6	4.4	4.3	2.18	5	5.
VI.	Foreign languages	4.41	.12	—	1	.2	—	.3	—	1.	4.22	—	—	1.	—	—	.23	—	.6	4.83	...	...	1	.2	...	.25	...	.8
VII.	Miscellaneous	7.60	5.50	3	2	6.8	5.	3.9	4	4.7	7.23	4.98	5.	2.	7	4	6.06	3	4.8	7.36	4	5	3	7.	3.7	3.85	4	4.7

\* A large number of the juveniles are not fiction.

Books taken out on white slips and returned the same day are not included.





## APPENDIX XV.

## FELLOWS ATHENÆUM READING.

Class No.	CLASSES. Relative percentages.	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885
I.	History, biography, and travels	33	30	37	39	33	42	44	46	39
II.	Modern foreign languages . . .	11	10	11	10	13	11	6	6	4
III.	Periodicals . . . . .	14	17	6	5	4	4	5	4	6
IV.	Miscellaneous literature . . . .	9	8	9	11	11	10	11	10	13
V.	Theology, sociology, ethics . .	7	7	6	6	9	23	6	7	8
VI.	Medicine . . . . .	1	2	2	2	2		2	1	2
VII.	Classics . . . . .	4	4	4	4	4		4	4	4
VIII.	Fine arts, engineering . . . . .	7	7	8	7	6		6	7	5
IX.	Law, politics, government . . .	3	3	3	3	2	23	2	2	1
X.	Mathematics, science . . . . .	11	12	14	13	11		10	9	10
XI.	Fiction . . . . .	..	..	..	..	5	5	4	4	8

## BRIGHTON BRANCH READING.

Class No.	CLASSES. Relative percentages.	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885
I.	Fiction . . . . .	77	76	75	76	76	73	74	73	73
II.	Biography, travel, and history . . . . .	8	7	8	8	7	8	9	10	10
III.	Other . . . . .	15	17	17	16	17	19	17	17	17

## NORTH-END BRANCH READING.

Relative percentages for	Fiction and Juveniles.	History and Biography.	Travels and Voyages.	Sciences.	Miscel.
1884 . . . . .	7	43	24	15	11
1885 . . . . .	26	18	32	4	20

## APPENDIX XVI.

## PERIODICAL READING-ROOMS.

PERIODICALS.	1885												1884	1883	1882	1881	1880	1879	1878	1877	1876
	Cen'l.*	E.B.	S.B.	Rox.	Ch'n.	S.E.	Bri.	Dor.	J. Pl.	N.E.	L.M.	Total.									
BY LANGUAGES.																					
English . . . . .	310	31	52	73	66	22	46	30	38	27	39	734									
French . . . . .	44	...	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50									
German . . . . .	42	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44									
Italian . . . . .	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2									
Others . . . . .	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3									
Totals . . . . .	401	31	55	78	66	22	46	30	38	27	39	833									
Duplicates . . . . .	69	2	5	2	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	83									
Grand Totals . .	470	33	60	80	66	25	48	30	38	27	39	916									
STATISTICS OF USE.																					
Number of days open,	337	262	305	305	305	305	305	305	305	280	305	...									
Total readers . . . .	307,543	16,252	31,335	14,508	30,611	14,487	2,320	2,816	8,865	2,374	5,423	536,534									
Daily average readers,	861	62	103	47	100	47	8	9	29	8	18	†									
Magazines read, total,	377,187	26,837	42,977	26,147	26,321	16,355	1,655	4,117	9,692	2,356	17,620	551,294									
Magazines read, daily																					
average . . . . .	1,037	102	141	85	86	54	5	13	32	9	58	†									
Average issue per	558	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	568									
Sunday† . . . . .	570	582	548	445	504	439	487														

\* Transactions of learned societies and costly journals, kept in Bates Hall, are not included in this count, but they are all embraced — if currently received — in the Periodical list, issued by the Library.

† Central Library only. The circulation of periodicals in branch libraries has not been sufficient to warrant opening the reading-rooms on Sundays.

† No true general average can be given because the reading-rooms are open a different number of days during the year.

NOTE. — The use of newspapers at the Charlestown branch is not included, but the number of readers of them is.

# APPENDIX XVII.

## LOSSES, DELINQUENCIES, ETC., IN BOOKS LOANED.

1885.												
Class No.	Classes.	B. II.	L. II.	E. B.	S. B.	Rox.	Ch'n.	Brl.	Dor.	S. E.	J. P.	Total.
I.	Books finable . . . . .	8,288	15,379	3,135	4,816	6,310	3,636	1,622	3,348	2,672	3,301	52,507
II.	Mail notices . . . . .	2,388	4,643	671	1,460	1,176	987	437	581	231	566	13,140
III.	Books sent for by messenger . . . . .	203	515	31	80	63	28	7	50	7	14	998
IV.	Books condemned . . . . .	3	1,049	288	530	540	513	60	667	440	124	4,214
V.	Books covered . . . . .	. . . . .	60,102	43,018	43,608	42,896	16,844	9,707	19,202	13,090	16,136	264,603
VI.	Books sent to binderies . . . . .	5,933	3,081	459	559	954	590	216	504	843	230	*13,406
VII.	Books loaned finally given up as lost . . . . .	15	26	. . . . .	1	11	5	. . . . .	2	2	. . . . .	62

1876-77. — Of 1,140,572 volumes delivered to borrowers, only one in 8,842 was lost.  
 1877-78. — Of 1,183,991 " " 11,723 "  
 1878-79. — Of 1,180,565 " " 11,688 "  
 1879-80. — Of 1,156,721 " " 11,122 "  
 1880-81. — Of 1,065,181 " " 12,104 "  
 1881-82. — Of 1,040,553 " " 16,008 "  
 1882-83. — Of 1,045,902 " " 13,074 "  
 1883-84. — Of 1,056,908 " " 18,222 "  
 1884-85. — Of 1,027,393 " " 16,571 "  
 \* 37 books sent to bindery from N. E.

## APPENDIX XVIII.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

GENERAL LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.	1884-85.			Paid into City Treasury from fines and sales of catalogues.	
	City appro- priations.	Expended.	Fellows Athenæum.	Year.	Amount.
Binding . . . . .	\$3,000	\$1,882 04	. . . . .	1876	\$2,505 35
Books . . . . .	17,000	25,337 49	\$982 00	1877	3,092 12
Periodicals* . . . . .		3,630 53			
Catalogues (printing) . .	5,000	4,796 49	. . . . .	1878	3,266 31
Expense . . . . .	3,000	3,033 06	. . . . .	1879	2,618 32
Fuel . . . . .	3,000	3,051 08	. . . . .	1880	2,984 12
Furniture (cabinets, shelving, fixtures, etc.)	2,000	1,052 32	. . . . .	1881	3,497 03
Gas . . . . .	5,000	5,523 33	. . . . .	1882	2,945 74
Printing (miscellaneous)	4,000	3,775 51	. . . . .	1883	3,223 14
Stationery . . . . .					
Salaries . . . . .	76,000	75,730 85	. . . . .	1884	3,018 01
Transportation, Postage, etc. . . . .	2,000	2,288 71	. . . . .	1885	2,952 68
Total . . . . .	\$120,000	\$130,101 41	\$982 00		

\* The appropriation for periodicals is included in that for books.

NOTE.—The expenditures for books cover the cost of those chargeable to the trust-funds account, as well as those charged to the annual appropriations from the city, and also include such as are bought with the balances with the foreign agents at the close of the previous year. The financial and library years now nominally correspond, but it will happen that bills accruing subsequently to the middle of March (when the last requisition of the year, payable April 1st, is approved) will be audited in the subsequent year's account beginning nominally May 1st. In this way books added between March 15th and May 1st may be counted in one year's growth, and paid for in the subsequent year's account. The cost of maintaining branches after the first year makes part of the general items of the several appropriations.

The money for books bought on account of the Fellows Athenæum is spent under the direction of the book committee of the trustees of the Fellows fund.

Details for previous years can be found in Appendix XIX. to the report for 1881.

#### NORTH-END BRANCH.

*City Appropriation, \$4,000.*

Salaries . . . . .	\$672 48
Books . . . . .	705 71
Expense . . . . .	1,027 86
Amount actually expended . . . . .	\$2,406 05
Balance of City appropriation . . . . .	\$1,593 95
Expended for books . . . . .	186 08
Balance . . . . .	\$1,407 87
Books . . . . .	\$415 08
Alterations and repairs . . . . .	506 51
	921 59
	\$486 28

	GIVER.	Amount.	When delivered.	No. of Bond.	When due.	Income.	Provisions.
1	Joshua Bates . . . . .	\$50,000 00	March, 1853	1,727	April, 1894	\$3,000	To buy "books of permanent value."
2	Jonathan Phillips . . . . .	{ 20,000 00 10,000 00	April, 1861 April, 1853	352 1,725	Jan'y, 1906 April, 1894	{ 1,800 }	{ "To the maintenance of a free public library." "Purchase of books."
3	Abbott Lawrence . . . . .	10,000 00	May, 1860	251	July, 1905	600	Books having a permanent value.
4	Charlotte Harris . . . . .	10,000 00	August, 1877	2,579	Oct., 1897	600	Books for Charlestown branch, published before 1850.
5	Henry L. Pierce . . . . .	5,000 00	December, 1873	1,567	Jan'y, 1894	300	"Books of permanent value for the Bates Hall."
6	Mary P. Townsend . . . . .	4,000 00	April, 1879	2,960	April, 1899	200	Books five years old in some one edition.
7	George Tieknor . . . . .	4,000 00	April, 1871	10,480	April, 1891	240	Books in Spanish and Portuguese, five years old in some one edition.
8	John P. Bigelow . . . . .	1,000 00	August, 1850	1,726	April, 1894	60	Purchase of books.
9	Franklin Club . . . . .	1,000 00	June, 1863	1,224	Jan'y, 1914	40	Books of permanent value, preferably "books on government and political economy."
10	Samuel A. Green . . . . .	{ 1,500 00 500 00	November, 1878 April, 1884	{ 3,714 722	{ Oct., 1900 April, 1908	75	Books relating to American history.
11	South Boston . . . . .	100 00	September, 1879	3,119	July, 1889	5	
12	Arthur Scholfield . . . . .	50,000 00	December, 1883	1,223	Oct., 1913	40	Income to be paid certain heirs during lives; then to be used for books of permanent value.
13	Thomas B. Harris . . . . .	1,000 00	April, 1884	1,244	April, 1914		For benefit of Charlestown branch.
		\$168,100 00				\$6,950	

## MEMORANDA.

- (1) Joshua Bates, born near Boston, 1788; died in London, as the head of the house of Baring Brothers & Co., 1864. In addition to this fund, he gave \$50,000 worth of books to the Library.
- (2) The sum of \$5,000 was a gift in Mr. Phillips' lifetime. The other \$20,000 was bequeathed by his will, dated 28th of Sept., 1849. He died 29th July, 1860, aged 82.
- (3) Mr. Lawrence died in August, 1855, and this sum was a bequest.
- (4) The bequest of Charlotte Harris to the Charlestown branch. With it her private library was also given.
- (5) The donation of Mayor Pierce, previous to his retirement from office. The principal or interest may be expended, as is deemed best.
- (6) This fund was received from William Minot, Jr., executors of Miss Townsend's will, to whom discretionary power in making the gift was given by the will.
- (7) This bequest accompanied the testamentary gift of his Spanish and Portuguese library. It is required that \$1,000, at least, shall be spent every five years for twenty-five years, for the addition to books in said library.
- (8) This fund was a sum intended for a testimonial to Mr. Bigelow on retiring from the mayoralty, and was transferred by him to this purpose.
- (9) Given by the Trustees of the Franklin club, under authority given them at the dissolution of that literary association.

## APPENDIX XX.

## LIBRARY SERVICE.

(April 30, 1885.)

Department.	Name.	Entered service.	Position, duties, etc.	On regular service.	On time and extra service.	Total employed.
<i>Executive Department.</i>	MELLEN CHAMBERLAIN .	1878	Librarian and Clerk of the Corporation . . . . .	1	..	..
	James L. Whitney . . . .	1869	Principal Assistant Librarian .	..	..	..
	José F. Carret . . . . .	1875	Registrar and Curator of Patents and Engravings . . . .	1	..	..
	Louis F. Gray . . . . .	1880	Librarian's Secretary . . . . .	1	..	..
	Adelaide A. Nichols . . .	1868	Auditor and Cashier . . . . .	1	..	..
	John J. Keenan . . . . .	1885	Librarian's Runner . . . . .	1	..	..
	Total . . . . .	..	..	5	..	5
<i>Catalogue Department.</i>	JAMES L. WHITNEY . . .	1869	Principal of the department . .	1	..	..
	William H. Foster . . . .	1860	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	José F. Carret . . . . .	1875	Registrar, Curator of Patents and Engravings and Assistant	..	..	..
	Lindsay Swift . . . . .	1878	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Edward B. Hunt . . . . .	1883	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Roxanna M. Eastman .	1859	Extra Assistant and Cataloguer of U.S. Documents . . . . .	..	1	..
	Elizabeth T. Reed . . . .	1873	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Frank C. Blaisdell . . . .	1876	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Annie C. Miller . . . . .	1881	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Edith C. Hine . . . . .	1884	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Ida W. Gould . . . . .	1884	Assistant in Patent-Room, etc. .	1	..	..
	<i>Card Catalogues.</i>					
	HARRIET C. BLAKE . . . .	1880	Curator . . . . .	1	..	..
	Carrie K. Burnell . . . .	1881	Curator of officers' card catalog.	1	..	..
	Alice Browne . . . . .	1883	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Edward P. McLaughlin .	1884	Runner . . . . .	1	..	..
	Total . . . . .	..	..	13	1	14

LIBRARY SERVICE. — *Continued.*

Department.	Name.	Entered service.	Position, duties, etc.	On regular service.	On time and extra service.	Total employed.
<i>Purchase and Entry Department.</i>	HARRIET N. PIKE . . . .	1867	Chief Clerk . . . . .	1	..	..
	Edith D. Fuller . . . .	1879	Associate Clerk . . . . .	1	..	..
	Agnes R. Dame . . . .	1883	Assistant Clerk . . . . .	1	..	..
	Mary A. McGrath . . . .	1868	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	J. F. Keefe . . . . .	1883	Runner . . . . .	1	..	..
	Total . . . . .	.....	.....	5	..	5
<i>Shelf Department.</i>	APPLETON P. C. GRIFFIN .	1865	Custodian . . . . .	1	..	..
	William Roffe . . . . .	1881	Asst. in charge of repairs, etc.	1	..	..
	John S. Morrison . . . .	1882	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	George W. Hope . . . .	1884	Runner . . . . .	1	..	..
	Total . . . . .	.....	.....	4	..	4
<i>Bates Hall.</i>	ARTHUR MASON KNAPP .	1875	Librarian of Bates Hall . . . .	1	..	..
	Lydia F. Knowles . . . .	1867	Delivery Clerk . . . . .	1	..	..
	Louise A. Twickler . . .	1881	Receiving Clerk . . . . .	1	..	..
	Agnes C. Doyle . . . .	1885	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	W. Maynard L. Young . .	1878	Clerk of the Branches . . . .	1	..	..
	Florence Richards . . . .	1878	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	John H. Reardon . . . .	1882	Runner . . . . .	1	..	..
	Thomas E. Taff . . . .	1884	Runner . . . . .	1	..	..
	Daniel J. Murphy . . . .	1885	Runner . . . . .	1	..	..
	Daniel J. Dwyer . . . .	1885	Runner . . . . .	1	..	..
	Total . . . . .	.....	.....	10	..	10
<i>Lower Hall.</i>	EDWARD TIFFANY . . . .	1878	Librarian of Lower Hall . . . .	1	..	..
	Mary A. Jenkins . . . .	1877	Assistant Librarian . . . . .	1	..	..
	William F. Robinson . . .	1872	Clerk for registration and fines	1	..	..
	Thomas H. Cummings . .	1879	Curator of Lower Hall card catalogue . . . . .	1	..	..
	Caroline E. J. Porée . . .	1859	Reading-room Clerk . . . . .	1	..	..
	Sarah A. Mack . . . . .	1863	Delivery Clerk . . . . .	1	..	..
	Eliza J. Mack . . . . .	1863	Receiving Clerk . . . . .	1	..	..
	Annie M. Kennedy . . . .	1869	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Annie G. Shea . . . . .	1874	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Mary Sheridan . . . . .	1880	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Rebecca J. Briggs . . . .	1881	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..

LIBRARY SERVICE. — *Continued.*

Department.	Name.	Entered service.	Position, duties, etc.	On regular service.	On time and extra service.	Total employed.
<i>Lower Hall.</i>	Julia C. Twiekler . . . .	1882	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Esther Nurenberg . . . .	1883	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Agnes C. Murray . .	1885	Runner . . . . .	1	..	..
	Eleanor J. Briggs . . . .	1885	Runner . . . . .	1	..	..
	John J. Butler . . . . .	1878	Care of shelves . . . . .	1	..	..
	<i>Evening Service.</i>					
	Louis F. Gray . . . . .	1881	Card Catalogue . . . . .	..	1	..
	J. E. Tisdale . . . . .	1884	Registration Clerk and Sunday service . . . . .	..	1	..
	William Roffe . . . . .	1884	Reading-room . . . . .	..	1	..
	Catherine McGrath . . . .	1873	Receiving Clerk . . . . .	..	1	..
	William L. Day . . . . .	1881	Runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Calvin A. Jones . . . . .	1884	Runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Henry L. Jouve . . . . .	1885	Runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Freeman L. Zittel . . . .	1885	Runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Thomas Murray . . . . .	1885	Runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Total . . . . .	..	..	16	9	25
	WILLIAM E. FORD . . . .	1858	Janitor . . . . .	1	..	..
	William F. Adams . . . .	1879	Night Watchman . . . . .	1	..	..
	John White . . . . .	1880	Porter . . . . .	1	..	..
	William Monahan . . . .	1883	Porter . . . . .	1	..	..
	<i>Extra daily Assistants.</i>					
	Total . . . . .	..	..	4	..	4
<i>Bindery.</i>	ANDREW M. BLAKE . . .	1870	Foreman . . . . .	1	..	..
	Frank Ryder . . . . .	1883	Extra Forwarder . . . . .	1	..	..
	P. B. Sanford . . . . .	1879	Finisher . . . . .	1	..	..
	Wm. Hemstead . . . . .	1883	Pressman . . . . .	1	..	..
	William F. Sampson . .	1880	Forwarder . . . . .	1	..	..
	Arthur Siguere . . . . .	1881	Forwarder . . . . .	1	..	..
	Sarah E. Bowen . . . . .	1876	Forewoman . . . . .	1	..	..
	Martha M. Wheeler . . .	1869	Sewer . . . . .	1	..	..
	Mary G. Moriarty . . . .	1875	Sewer . . . . .	1	..	..
	Sarah J. Dumas . . . . .	1881	Sewer . . . . .	1	..	..
	Mary J. Morton . . . . .	1881	Sewer . . . . .	1	..	..
	Mary Roslund . . . . .	1883	Sewer . . . . .	1	..	..
	John F. Murphy . . . . .	1883	Apprentice . . . . .	1	..	..
	Total . . . . .	..	..	13	..	13



LIBRARY SERVICE. — *Continued.*

Department.	Name.	Entered service.	Position, duties, etc.	On regular service.	On time and extra service.	Total employed.
<i>East Boston Branch.</i>	SARAH C. GODBOLD . . . .	1871.	Librarian . . . . .	1	..	..
	Mary R. Pray . . . . .	1870.	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Alice M. Wing . . . . .	1872.	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Mary E. Cathcart . . . .	1870.	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	E. L. Lennon . . . . .	1881.	Extra Assistant . . . . .	..	1	..
	Adelia H. Ghen . . . . .	1876.	Extra Runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Anna B. Rollins . . . . .	1882.	Extra Runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Anna C. Carstensen . . .	1884.	Extra Runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Mildred S. Brown . . . .	1885.	Extra Runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	George H. Hosea . . . . .	1873.	Janitor . . . . .	1	..	..
	Total . . . . .	..	..	5	5	10
<i>South Boston Branch.</i>	N. JOSEPHINE BULLARD .	1883.	Librarian . . . . .	1	..	..
	Ellen A. Eaton . . . . .	1872.	Registration Clerk . . . . .	1	..	..
	Idalene L. Sampson . . .	1877.	Delivery Clerk . . . . .	1	..	..
	Mary E. Watson . . . . .	1873.	Receiving Clerk . . . . .	1	..	..
	Reata Watson . . . . .	1877.	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Lilla F. Davis . . . . .	1881.	Extra Assistant . . . . .	..	1	..
	Emmie W. Bragdon . . .	1882.	Extra Assistant . . . . .	..	1	..
	Mande McLaughlin . . .	1883.	Extra Runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Maria A. Hudson . . . .	1884.	Extra Runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Alice B. Orcutt . . . . .	1884.	Extra Runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Joseph Baker . . . . .	1872.	Janitor . . . . .	1	..	..
	Total . . . . .	..	..	6	5	11
<i>Roxbury Branch.</i>	SARAH BUNKER . . . . .	1876.	Librarian . . . . .	1	..	..
	Helen M. Bell . . . . .	1878.	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Elizabeth C. Berry . . .	1877.	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Helen R. Crowell . . . .	1882.	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Dora Puffer . . . . .	1878.	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Katie R. Albert . . . . .	1883	Extra Assistant . . . . .	..	1	..
	Mary A. Dowd . . . . .	1884	Extra Assistant . . . . .	..	1	..
	Sarah W. Griggs . . . .	1884	Runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Mary Griffith . . . . .	1885	Runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Charles R. Curtis . . . .	1873	Janitor . . . . .	1	..	..
	Total . . . . .	..	..	6	4	10

LIBRARY SERVICE. — *Continued.*

Department.	Name.	Entered service.	Position, duties, etc.	On regular service.	On time and extra service.	Total employed.
<i>Charlestown Branch.</i>	CORNELIUS S. CARTÉE . . . . .	1870	Librarian . . . . .	1	..	..
	Annie E. Eberle . . . . .	1874	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Mary P. Swain . . . . .	1878	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Alice G. Willoughby . . . . .	1882	Runner . . . . .	1	..	..
	Susan E. Livermore . . . . .	1879	Extra Assistant . . . . .	..	1	..
	Lydia E. Eberle . . . . .	1881	Extra Assistant . . . . .	..	1	..
	Emma L. Willoughby . . . . .	1882	Extra Runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Thomas E. Smith . . . . .	1874	Janitor . . . . .	1	..	..
	Total . . . . .	..	..	5	3	8
<i>Brighton Branch.</i>	MARY E. BROCK . . . . .	1875	Librarian . . . . .	1	..	..
	Mary F. Grailey . . . . .	1880	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Sara R. Brock . . . . .	1880	Extra Assistant . . . . .	..	1	..
	James M. Brock . . . . .	1878	Janitor . . . . .	1	..	..
	Total . . . . .	..	..	3	1	4
<i>Dorchester Branch.</i>	MARY G. COFFIN . . . . .	1874	Librarian . . . . .	1	..	..
	Mary J. Sheridan . . . . .	1875	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Lucy Adelaide Watson . . . . .	1880	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Frances Willard Pike . . . . .	1881	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	A. M. Mansfield . . . . .	1882	Extra Assistant . . . . .	..	1	..
	Edward Davenport . . . . .	1874	Janitor . . . . .	1	..	..
	Total . . . . .	..	..	5	1	6
<i>South End Branch.</i>	GRACE A. DE BORGES . . . . .	1880	Librarian . . . . .	1	..	..
	Maud M. Morse . . . . .	1877	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Margaret A. Sheridan . . . . .	1875	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Mary Arkinson . . . . .	1881	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Peter Sheridan . . . . .	1884	Runner . . . . .	1	..	..
	Frank Hathaway . . . . .	1884	Extra Runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Total . . . . .	..	..	5	1	6

LIBRARY SERVICE. — *Concluded.*

Department.	Name.	Entered service.	Position, duties, etc.	On regular service.	On time and extra service.	Total employed.
<i>Jamaica Plain Branch.</i>	ELIZA R. DAVIS . . . . .	1877	Librarian . . . . .	1	0	1
	Anna J. Barton . . . . .	1876	Assistant . . . . .	1	0	1
	Nellie F. Rikey . . . . .	1878	Assistant . . . . .	1	0	1
	Margaret S. Barton . . . . .	1882	Assistant . . . . .	1	0	1
	Timothy Johnson . . . . .	1877	Janitor . . . . .	1	0	1
	Total . . . . .			4	0	4
<i>North End Branch.</i>	ELIZA R. DAVIS . . . . .	1882	Librarian . . . . .	1	0	1
	Catherine G. J. Mooney . . . . .	1882	Assistant . . . . .	1	0	1
	J. P. Fleming . . . . .	1882	Janitor . . . . .	1	0	1
	Total . . . . .			3	0	3
<i>Deliveries.</i>	Mary A. Hill . . . . .	1875	Custodian, Lower Mills . . . . .	1	0	1
	Julia W. Richards . . . . .	1884	Custodian, West Roxbury . . . . .	1	0	1
	Harriet L. Atkinson . . . . .	1882	Custodian, Mattapan . . . . .	1	0	1
	Grace E. Powers . . . . .	1884	Custodian, Neponset . . . . .	1	0	1
	Total . . . . .			4	0	4

## SUMMARY.

Librarian, Register, Secretary, Auditor, and Runner . . . . .	5		
Catalogue department . . . . .	13	1	<i>Central Library.</i>
Purchase and Entry department . . . . .	5		
Shelf department . . . . .	4		
Bates Hall circulation department . . . . .	10		
Lower Hall circulation department, day, evening, and Sunday service . . . . .	16	9	70 regulars.
Janitor's department . . . . .	4		10 extras.
Bindery . . . . .	13		—
East Boston Branch . . . . .	5	5	<i>Branches.</i>
South Boston branch . . . . .	6	5	
Roxbury branch . . . . .	6	4	
Charlestown branch . . . . .	5	3	
Brighton branch . . . . .	3	1	
Dorchester branch . . . . .	5	1	
South-End branch . . . . .	5	1	46 regulars.
Jamaica Plain branch . . . . .	4		20 extras.
North-End branch . . . . .	3		—
Deliveries . . . . .	4		66
Totals . . . . .	116	30	
	30		
Grand total . . . . .	146		

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## APPENDIX XXI.

## EXAMINATION OF THE LIBRARY.

	Rates Hall.	Lower Hall.	E. Boston branch.	So. Boston branch.	Roxbury branch.	Charlestown branch.	Brighton branch.	Dorchester branch.	South End branch.	Jamaica Plain branch.	Totals.
Not on shelves . .	4,599	5,713	1,999	3,164	3,115	2,127	732	1,936	2,858	1,211	27,454
<i>Of these found to be</i>											
Lent . . . . .	2,100	5,130	1,710	2,821	2,625	1,702	543	1,508	2,142	1,073	21,354
At the binderies .	856	169	66	96	138	98	46	164	188	57	1,878
Otherwise accounted for . . .	1,573	278	223	246	342	327	143	262	527	81	4,002
Not accounted for.	70	136	. . .	1	10	. . .	. .	2	1	. . .	220

## APPENDIX XXII.

## WORK IN THE LIBRARY BINDERY.

CHARACTER OF WORK.	1873-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.	1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.	1881-82.	1882-83.	1883-84.	1884-85.
Bates Hall books bound and finished . . . . .	3,223	4,759	4,155	4,272	3,958	5,839	4,508	4,268	4,932	5,149
Books of the Lower Hall and branches . . . . .	7,766	8,743	11,129	10,084	7,606	2,732	8,417	8,123	7,878	6,656
Books repaired . . . . .	959	873	949	1,371	1,397	1,201	1,376	879	964	1,020
Catalogues wired and covered for public use in Lower Hall and branches . . . . .										
Maps dissected and mounted . . . . .										
Map volumes and shelflists mounted . . . . .	820	2,712	958	3,014	2,145	3,205	4,387	4,904	5,133	4,464
Pamphlet cases . . . . .										
Portfolios . . . . .										
Removable covers for catalogues and for paper-covered books . . . . .										
Maps mounted, bound, and bordered . . . . .	1,257	1,271	1,469	1,970	1,946	1,032	664	1,112	1,080	1,060
Hours of miscellaneous work . . . . .	2,183	2,586	2,778	2,615	2,205	1,959	1,637	2,308	2,295	2,652































































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